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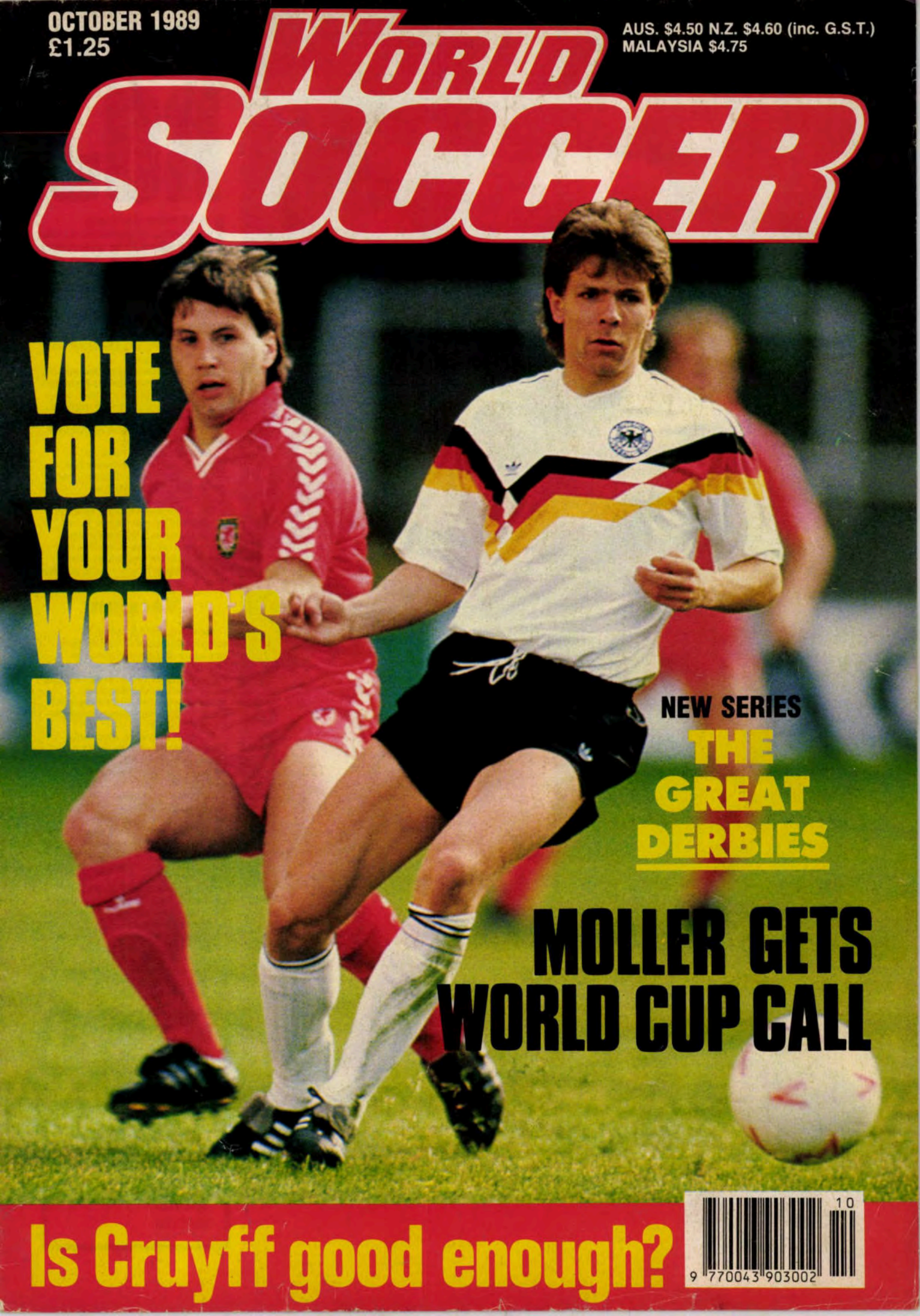

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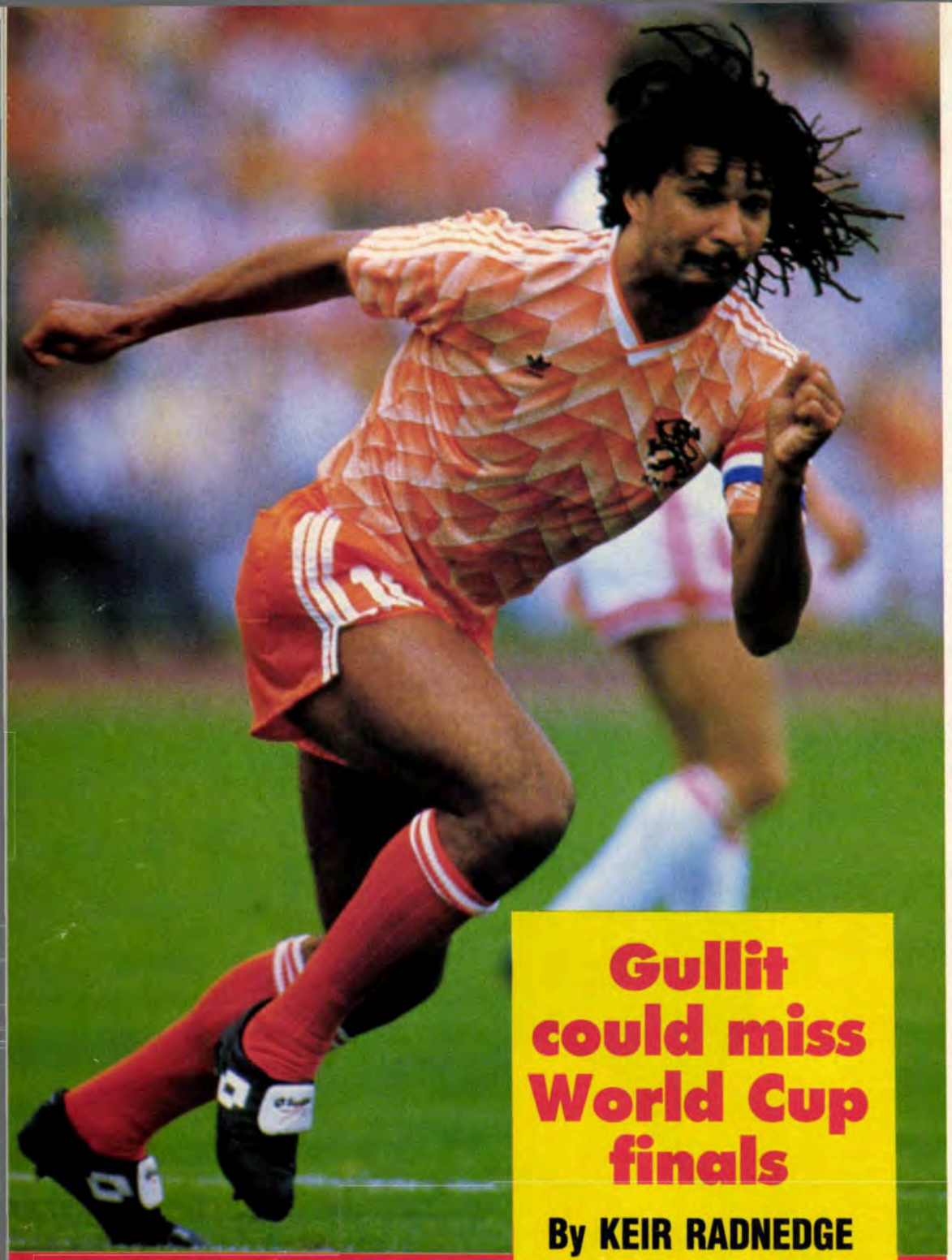

Gullit could miss World Cup finals

By KEIR RADNEDGE

CONTROVERSY reigns over whether Dutch superstar Ruud Gullit will fit for next year's World Cup finals.

Gullit's problem is his right knee. The injury goes back two years, when he was injured in a pre-season training session soon after joining Milan for a world record £5.7million.

The deadlocked Dutchman was told to rest — which he did. Less than a year later the injury was forgotten as he inspired Milan to success in the Italian league. But at the start of last season the injury caused more trouble and he missed most of the first half of the campaign.

Cartilage trouble was diagnosed when Gullit was injured again during last season's Champions' Cup semi-final against Real Madrid. Gullit underwent so-called 'keyhole' surgery and was back in action just in time for Milan's Champions' Cup Final triumph over Steaua Bucharest.

Now specialists are saying that rushing Gullit back into action may have wrecked his career. Gullit has been sent to consultants in Italy and his native Holland. Milan keep saying that after a short rest he will be back on duty in the famous red-and-black stripes. But one Italian doctor says Gullit might never play again and Gullit himself has told friends that he fears he may be out until after Christmas.

Milan deny all the pessimism. But their easy Champions' Cup victory obver HJK Helsinki cannot disguise the concern of officials from president Silvio Berlusconi down to coach Arrigo Sacchi. They are not the only worriers. Holland are not yet safely through the World Cup qualifying jungle and were relying on Gullit's talismainic presence to see them safely past Wales and into the finals in Italy.

Intriguingly, similar concerns were being voiced four years ago about the state of health and fitness of Argentine superstar Diego Maradona. In the summer of 1985 Maradona was kicked from pillar to post in the World Cup qualifiers and Argentina's medical adviser told manager Carlos Bilardo: "If he is fit for the finals in Mexico it will be a miracle."

Maradona was suffering from too much football. He had a problem which could be cured by an operation or by rest. But Napoli pay him too much to let him have a three-month break in mid-season. By the same token, he could not afford an operation.

Thus Maradona cut training to light work only and gambled that this would be enough to save him. The rest, as they say, is history.

ROJA

I WAS in the Maracana stadium on September 3. I do NOT believe Chile goalkeeper Roberto "El Condor" Rojas was hit by the flare that came flying out of the crowd in the 69th minute.

Chile were losing 1-0 to Brazil and appeared to be deservedly on their way out of the World Cup when the flare was let off and landed in the Chilean penalty area.

Rojas collapsed and started writhing around on the ground. His team mates and the Chilean physiotherapist came rushing over, carried him off the pitch and disappeared into the dressing room. They then announced that they would not be returning.

Only the Chileans, however, believed that their goalkeeper had been hit. Some of the photographers behind the goal, including an Argentinian and a Japanese, told WORLD SOCCER that the flare had not touched the goalkeeper. In fact, Rojas appeared to notice the object only after it had been there for a few seconds and, far from being struck, moved towards it before collapsing in a heap.

Version

According to Mark Ayling, a commercial executive from England who was in the crowd behind the Chilean goal: "It never hit him". Mr. Ayling's version is that "this green light came shooting out of the crowd, it floated down, it landed on the ground and that was when he made his move. It was incredible".

PLACAR magazine, meanwhile, claimed that the referee, Jual Carlos Lostau from Argentina, had confided to a friend in his hotel that the whole thing had been "a farce".

The matter was made even more confusing by the "blood" on Rojas' face. Press photographs showed that when he was lying on the ground, there was not a drop of blood on him. But as he was carried from the pitch, Rojas looked as if he had been attacked by a chainsaw.

Some claimed that Rojas had caused the injury himself by rubbing the inside of his goalkeeping glove against his forehead — TV Bandeirantes showed pictures in which he seemed to be doing just that. Others, including TV Globo's commentator Pele, believed it was imitation stuff applied by the physiotherapist.

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Bloody Rojas is carried off and left . . . the aftermath.

It was certainly strange that the Chilean players insisted on carrying Rojas off themselves without waiting for the stretcher — and that they did everything possible to keep him out of sight of the cameras. Rojas might have helped his case if he had agreed to go to Fifa's hearing in Zurich.

Evidence given by medical and fireworks experts also went against the Chileans, and while these experts were Brazilians, they had nothing to do with football and even less to do with the CBF. A report by a doctor from the Institute of Legal Medicine, who examined Rojas in the dressing room, said that he had not suffered any injury that could have been caused by a firework, flare or whatever and could have carried on playing.

TV Bandeirantes, meanwhile, quoted a leading fireworks expert as saying that the object that struck Rojas was nothing more than a flare used to send SOS messages and was perfectly harmless.

In their attempt to become the first team to knock Brazil out of the World Cup in the qualifying rounds, General Pinochet's boys went far too far.

The worst example was Ormeno's tackle on Branco in the fifth minute of the game in Santiago. It would be fascinating to know what was going on in Ormeno's mind when he took Branco's leg away well after the ball had gone. Did he really want to do his fellow professional a serious injury? It is hard to believe that he did — but he must have realised that that was a likely consequence of his challenge.

Amazingly, Ormeno got away with a yellow card. But, looking a gift horse straight in the mouth, he did the same thing again in the 15th minute, this time to Mazinho, and off he went — belatedly.

The two match suspension he subsequently received was derisory considering that he could have maimed either player and you have to wonder why FIFA do not start handing out punishments that would act as genuine deterrents! If a player knew that, by injuring an opponent, he may never play another World Cup match again, there could be a chance that he would think twice about using violence.

Ormeno was just the start. By the time Brazil returned home, Valdo had a nasty injury on his waist (caused by Rubio's studs), Bebeto and Taffarel had bruised legs, Ricardo had been scratched on the face, Galvao had a bruised nose and Romario had a red eye (where he had been poked) and chest (where he had been bitten). Only Dunga was unscathed.

Appropriately enough the Chileans travelled to Rio in a military plane, having been received by the dictator himself the week before. And after just four minutes they were at it again with Puebla committing a hideous foul on Bebeto and then jumping on the Brazilian's outstretched leg with BOTH feet. The same Puebla who, on being warned by the referee about his behaviour in the first game, had patted the official on the head as if he were a dog. And so on it went.

Talent

Chile manager Orlando Aravena was guilty of a criminal waste of talent. His team does not have the same ability as Brazil but with players such as Jorge Aravena (the manager's nephew), Basay, strangely left on the bench most of the time, Yanez and Lotelior they would have done far better if they had concentrated on playing football.

YUGOSLAVIA and Uruguay will join Brazil, Argentina and Italy in the finals.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

THINGS are not always as they seem at first sight.

FIFA decided, for example, that Chile's Roberto Rojas had NOT been struck by a firework; that he had NOT been injured or cut by the firework; and that Chile were NOT justified in walking off the pitch in the Maracana.

The FIFA officials in Zurich were blessed with time and distance in which to study events, hear witnesses and make a balanced judgment.

That is not always the case in football, sadly. A referee has to make a split-second judgment. In that instant, adjudicating on a foul or a confusing goalmouth incident, he has to decide in a split-second under the sort of pressure which wins (or loses) cups and championship.

Referees are easy to criticise with hindsight or slow-motion action replays. What is not so easy is the job itself. Anyone who doubts that should try it! No wonder they often become frustrated at the uninformed criticism which descends on them.

Comment

I have had a small taste of that too recently after some newspaper fuss about a football video, Foul Play. Officials of the FA, Football League and PFA were led to comment on the film before they had had a chance to view it for themselves. Thus they attacked it as "deplorable . . . vulgar . . . nauseating . . . glorifying soccer violence."

I must declare an interest: I wrote the script and approved the pictures. If any warped fan buys the video hoping to wallow through an exercise in bad taste he will be sorely disappointed.

I will happily sit through the film with any of its over-hasty critics. If they still do not like it, that is their right. But a right which would then be theirs based on the evidence, not on newspaper hearsay.

As for World Soccer, the video will be sent for review to Brian Glanville. Readers may often disagree violently with his opinions but do respect his independence of approach. He can say what he likes about it and we will print every word.

KEIR RADNEDGE

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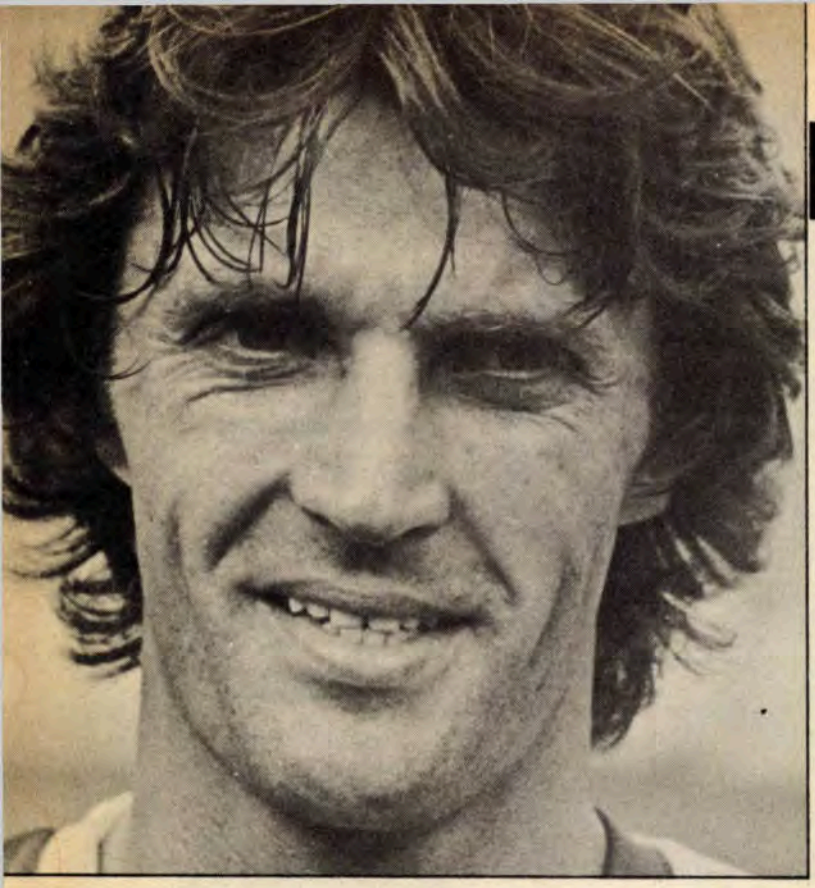

TALES OF TWO

A RUUD AWAKENING?

Krol faces tough ride at Mechelen

By Graham Turner

JOHN Cordier, the dynamic president of Belgian champions KV Mechelen, is not afraid to run risks.

According to some sectors of the Belgian media that's exactly what he's doing by entrusting the legue title defence and a European Cup campaign to a coach totally lacking ine xperience. But Ruud Krol, the elegant left-back-turned sweeper who won two European Cups in Johan Cruyff's Ajax side and helped take Holland to the 1974 and 1978 World Cup Finals, has no doubts about his ability to succeed in his first managerial job at the age of 40.

World Soccer: You also face the challenge of taking over from Aad de Mos, the coach seen by many as the architect of Mechelen's recent successes.

Ruud Krol: Yes, and he's got a good side at Anderlecht as well. I don't want to change a lot of things, just to maintain a sense of progression. And I have told the players the sort of football I would like to attain. So far I have experimented with tactical changes during the 90 minutes of the game so that we can have more tactical flexibility to cope with certain situations. Rather than have a rigid system which can be predictable for opponents, I like to see how the game is progressing and introduce variations. I think we can also make improvements to have more attacking options, because I prefer an attacking style.

WS: How have the players reacted? There were reports that players such as your goalkeeper Michel Preudihomme had said they didn't want to stay if Aad de Mos left?

RK: I think the players are realistic enough to accept that when a successful coach like Aad de Mos, who did a very good job here, decides to move on, then inevitabley a new trainer must take over.

WS: So how did the Mechelen-Krol relationship begin?

RK: An Israeli friend of mine dropped my name on the table at Mechelen and a few weeks later a Belgian reporter who was interviewing me for Dutch TV also mentioned Mecheln. A week later the club phoned me to make an appointment and we had a long talk on the following day. I explained my ideas about football and how I wanted to do things. Three hours later the president John Cordier phoned saying he wanted to talk about money. I told him I wasn't there to talk about money — the important thing was to know if Mechelen wanted me. The money could wait until later. He said: "That is why I'm phoning. We want you to be the next trainer at Mechelen."

WS: Why the sudden decision to being coaching?

RK: After 20 years of top-level football I wanted to take two years' rest. The four years with Napoli in Italy and the two years at Cannes in France had been tense and heavy going. I had an offer to run the youth side at Napoli but I stuck to my decision and turned it down. I wanted to be sure that coaching was something I genuinely wanted to do and not something I was going to drift into more or less automatically after hanging up my boots. I didn't want to let a club down by turning round after three months and saying: "I'm sorry, but my heart isn't really in the job". I didn't even get my coaching badge, so I'm like Johan Cruyff in that respect! For two years I watched a lot of top European games, keeping a low profile. It's easy to show your face in boardrooms and press rooms to 'sell' yourself, but I just wanted to unwind.

WS: Taking over the league champions isn't exactly an easy start to a coaching career.

RK: Of course not. It's easier to start at a club lower down the league because you can sweep in with new ideas and as soon as you have a bit of success it is appreciated. At the champions you are under pressure to maintain very high standards. But that doesn't scare me. If you don't take risk in life you end up sitting in a chair and watching life go by. I have my ideas about football, I am working hard, and I am doing my best. I took the job because I have confidence in myself. Of course they have to give me time to do a job here, and I told the president that the risk is big because after two or three successful years a club often drops a bit below par and finishes third or fourth. He hasn't asked me for the League, the Cup or the European Cup — just to keep Mechelen in the European competitions and keep the club's name in the forefront.

WS: Having been such a good captain must be an advantage when it comes to coaching.

RK: I wish it were that simple! It's a

DUTCHMEN . . .

completely different, much more intensive job. You have so many responsibilities and obligations off the field as well as on it. What's more, I arrived at Mechelen while the club is making big administrative changes and that has meant that even more problems have been ending up on my desk. Things that are strictly not my responsibility. You see, Mechelen has experienced a very rapid growth in sporting terms but the admin has remained at the level of a small club.

WS: There have also been significant changes in the playing staff.

RK: Yes, Piet Den Boer went to Bordeaux and has been replaced by Marc Severeyns, brought back from Pisa. They are two very different types of striker, so our attacking style has had to be varied. Albert is a good prospect. He is 21 and can play stopper or left back. Of course we have to look for future signings in other positions to make sure Mechelen can stay at the top.

WS: Having been a world-class sweeper, you logically operate with a sweeper.

RK: Yes, we do, but not for that reason. You can't let yourself be influenced by your own past as a player. Everything depends on the quality of the team and the players in your squad. We happen to have an excellent sweeper in Leo Clijsters. He is wasted in midfield because his strongpoint is his ability to organise the side from the back. He had a major knee injury which kept him out for eight months, but he is regaining his form now.

WS: How ambitious are you in the European Cup?

RK: Every coach wants to be successful in Europe, but you must be realistic and admit that luck with the draw, injuries, suspensions . . . the little bit of luck which allows you to catch opponents when they're on a down and your own side is on an up. It would be wrong to base a whole season on European ambitions. We aim simply to go as far as possible. I don't think the European hierarchy has changed much. Milan, Inter, Bayern, PSV, Steaua, Real, maybe Rangers — they are the teams to beat. The Belgian league is also very strong, and life can be difficult for the top teams. Some league grounds have small pitches and sometimes you end up playing Italian-style football with nine men defending around the box and just two attackers waiting for the stray chance. You haven't got the space to exploit the flanks. Play tends to be more open inm Holland, and I think the Belgian league is harder, more competitive. You have to fitht harder for your two points.

WS: How have the fans and media reactred to you?

RK: The fans have been good. The press hasn't been quite so kind. They have been a bit sceptical about me because of my lack of experience, of course. Also I told them when I signed my contract on May 22 that I didn't know Belgian football. They have never let me forget that sentence. I try to tell them that I was trying to be honest with them rather than start bluffing. But they don't want to accept the fact that since then I have watched an awful lot of games and a lot of tapes. What was the truth on May 22 certainly isn't the truth now.

Vanenburg stays 'for life'

By Simon Kuper

PSV Eindhoven's most important player has surprised the Dutch footballing community by deciding to stay in Holland. Gerald Vanenburg turned down a lucrative offer from Roma and signed a new eight-year contract with PSV instead.

Vanenburg is now 25, so the contract should take him to the end of his career. That would make him the first great Dutch footballer ever to spend his entire career in Holland. Wilkes and Rijvders in the 50s, Cruyff's generation in the 1970s, and Gullit, Rijkaard, Van Basten and Koeman in the 1980s all went abroad. The main reason for this is that salaries in Dutch football are the lowest in Western Europe.

PSV managed to retain Vanenburg only by offering him a salary unique by Dutch standards. The midfielder will earn about 300,000 pounds a year after tax for the next eight years. However, the most astounding feature of his income of £20,000-a-year from his retirement until his sixtieth birthday. Vanenburg, it can be safely said, is one footballer who can look forward to a secure old age.

The Eindhoven club have gone this far because they recognise that Vanenburg is their most important player. Only with him can PSV remain one of the half a dozen best sides in Europe. One teammate, when told that Vanenburg might be leaving for Italy, said: "We might as well close the club down then."

PSV and Holland's goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen agrees: "It was soldly because of Vanenburg that we won the championship this season. He regulary carried the team on his back."

Vanenburg made his professional debut with Ajax at 16. Two years later he was in the national team. He was part of a magnificent Dutch generation: he is a year younger than Rijkaard, Gullit and Ronald Koeman and a year older than Van Basten, and as a teenager Vanenburg was considered the best of the lost.

People came to watch Ajax solely to see the child Vanenburg. His "Brazilian" skill earned him the nickname Geraldinho. His passes and shots were effortless, he twisted and turned past opponents at will, and he always seemed to be able to find his teammates without looking up. It can be said without exaggeration that he has the best technique of any footballer in the world.

Nobody doubted his ability, but many considered him ineffective. Vanenburg was critcised — was daily criticised — for refusing to play as part of a team, for dribbling for the sheer joy of it, and for "hiding" in important matches. Johan Cruyff, in his spell as manger of Ajax, told Vanenburg that he should join a playground side.

Transfer

Crueller spirits said that Vanenburg should display his technique in a circus.

Vanenburg's other problem was his size. He is 5ft 4 and not very broad. When faced with hefty opponents in international matches, he tended to demonstrate that in football it is usually Goliath who beats David. "Everybody would like to look like Gullit," he admits.

Ajax lost faith in him, and in 1986 let him go to PSV for only £500,000. The Amsterdammers have been regretting the transfer for the last three years. Vanenburg has matured greatly in Eindhoven. As PSV's assistant manager Hans Dorjee puts it: "Vanenburg joined us as an individualist. He has become a team player here."

Now that Ronald Koeman has left for Barcelona, Vanenburg has become PSV's new leader, both on and off the field. His aggressive confidence suits him for the role. In the Dutch team he has a lesser status. There he plays on the right instead of in the centre of midfield, and the team revolves around Gullit rather than him.

At the European Championships last year Vanenburg played quietly and with great self-discipline. It was a strong performance, but frustrating for those who know what he can do when given the chance. Watch out for him in the new season.

Möller leads race to follow Netzer

PLAYER PORTRAIT BY NICK BUDWELL

SPORTING prowess runs in the Möller family. For Andy Möller, the rising star of West German football, is simply following in the footsteps of his late grandmother, who 50 years previously was a top Germany springer.

She was a member of that country's 4 × 100 metres relay squad at the infamous Berlin Olympics of 1936, but failed to gain a medal after one of the team dropped the baton.

The 22-year-old midfielder from Borussia Dortmund, who has aroused the interest of Italian giants Juventus, says of his grandmother: "I think I inherbited her speed."

Berti Vogts, the coach of the West German Under 21 side and no stranger to the demands of man-for-man marking, is quick to underline Möller's speed of the mark, saying: "Nine times out of ten he leaves his marker standing. He makes it seem the easiest thing in the world. He is the greatest talent that German football has produced in the last ten years."

It is this pace, coupled with two good feet, excellent vision and aptitude for midfield graft which have enabled Andy Möller to burst on to the international stage at a precocious age.

West German soccer has a first-class tradition of midfield generals and Möller seems set fair to succeed the likes of Wolfgang Overath, Gunter Netzer and Bernd Schuster. National boss Franz Beckenbauer had no qualms about putting his faith in the youngster when he gave him his debut in a friendly against the Soviet Union last September.

And while Möller was given the onerous responsibility of taking a key role in his country's quest for World Cup qualification, the likes of the considerably more experienced Pierre Littbarski and Olaf Thon had to content themselves with a place on the bench.

Plunged into the white-hot atmostphere of West Germany's crucial World Cup qualifier against Holland in Rotterdam, Möller came through with flying colours as Beckenbauer's men obtained a deserved draw. The one blot on Möller's copybook was the golden chance he squandered to put his side 2-0 ahead with just five minutes remaining.

Put through by another of the new breed of German internationals, Koln's Thomas Hassler, Möller had just the keeper to beat but shot agonisingly inches wide of Theo Snelders's right post. To intensify his misfortune, Marco Van Basten popped up seconds later to earn the Dutch the draw they barely merited.

Möller puts this missed opportunity down to immaturity but is convinced he can learn from the experience, saying "In a year or at the most two I will not miss in a similar situation."

Nevertheless, Beckenbauer rates Möller very highly: "During the last season he has made enormous progress. He is the great hope of our football."

Andreas Möller was born on September 2 1967 in the German financial capital of Frankfurt. At the age of 14 he entered the ranks of the local Eintracht club, the team of former Bundesliga aces, Bernd Holzenbein and Jurgen Grabowski. Quickly the young Möller won his spurs with the Eintracht juniors and in 1986 turned professional.

But a year later his world was turned upside down when Eintracht secured the services of Honved's Hungarian international, Lajos Detari. Unfortunately for Möller the Hungarian's playing style was much the same as his own and manager Karl-Heinz Feldkamp plumped for the confirmed foreign import rather than the young player's potential.

However, Möller's exile from the first team came to a dramatic conclusion during the winter break of the 1987-88 season when Borussia Dortmund paid a then record internal German transfer fee of £800,000.

Even then all was not plain-sailing for Andreas. The record price tag of the 'boy wonder' was met with coolness from such Dortmund stars as striker Frank Mill and Möller struggled to discover his true form.

Last season was finally to be on of fulfilled potential for Möller as not only did he make a remarkable transition to international football but became Borussia's top scorer with ten goals and was instrumental in their 4-1 German Cup victory over Werder Bremen — his first major honour.

After just four full caps, Möller's growing reputation was sufficient to induce inquiries as to his availability from a Juventus anxious to relive past glories and disappointed with the form of overseas simports Zavarov and Rui Barros.

Despite the persuasive arguments (and cheque book) of Juve president Boniperti, Borussia retorted that the young midfielder was not for sale.

Furthermore Franz Beckenbauer had already demanded and received the German federation's approval to bar the transfer abroad of some ten internationals until after nex year's World Cup. Möller's name was on that list.

Yet in spite of the firm refusal as to Möller's immediate transfer, Juventus have seemingly obtained an option on his signature for the 1990-91 season when his contract with Borussia expires.

The level-headed Möller takes all this transfer speculation in his stride and stresses that he considers it too early to move to the rigours of Italian football.

"I must first prove myself in the Bundesliga," he says, "What have I achieved in German football?"

Matthaus, Voller and Rummenigge were all experienced internationals when they made lucrative moves to Italy, Möller argues.

With tongue in cheek Andreas Möller confides that he dreams of owing a Ferrari. That flight of fancy might well become a reality following next year's World Cup if he succumbs to the lure of the lire.

Gunter Netzer in full flight . . . 1973

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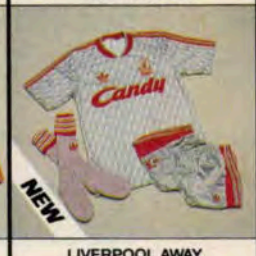

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1. Paolo Rossi (Juventus and Italy) ... 23
2. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern M. and W.Germany) ... 14
3. Paolo Roberto Falcao (Roma and Brazil) ... 12

1983
1. Zico (Udinese and Brazil) ... 28
2. Michel Platini (Juventus and France) ... 24
3. Paolo Roberto Falcao (Roma and Brazil) ... 18

1984
1. Michel Platini (Juventus and France) ... 54
2. Ian Rush (Liverpool and Wales) ... 9
3. Zico (Udinese and Brazil) ... 7

1985
1. Michel Platini (Juventus and France) ... 20.6
2. Preben Elkjaer (Verona and Denmark) ... 11.2
3. Diego Maradona (Napoli and Argentina) ... 7

1986
1. Diego Maradona (Napoli and Argentina) ... 35.8
2. Igor Belanov (Kiev Dynamo and Sov.Union) ... 6.2
3. Gary Lineker (Barcelona and England) ... 5.7

1987
1. Ruud Gullit (Milan and Holland) 38.5
2. Diego Maradona (Napoli and Argentina) ... 13.1
3. Marco Van Basten (Milan and Holland) ... 8.8

1988
1. Marco Van Basten (Milan and Holland) ... 43
2. Ruud Gullit (Milan and Holland) ... 21
3. Frank Rijkaard (Milan and Holland) 7

Marco Van Basten took the honours last year.

CURRENT HOLDER . . . Marco VAN BASTEN. Centre forward. Aged 24 (born Oct 31, 1964). Milan and Holland. Born in Utrecht and joined Ajax from amateur side Elinkwijk in 1981, quickly making his Ajax first-team debut at the age of 17 as a substitute for Cruyff. First came to international attention in the 1983 World Youth Cup finals in Mexico. Scored 128 league goals for Ajax at a rate of almost one a game before being sold for £1.5million last summer to Milan. Van Basten's potential was so obvious in his teens that Ajax were able to sell 1982 Golden Boot-winner Wim Kieft a year after he crowned Europe's top marksman. Van Basten's most remarkable spell was at the start of the 1983-4 season when he scored 12 goals in the first seven league games, including a hat-trick in an 8-2 win over Feyenoord. He went on to total 28 goals that season and finished as Golden Boot runners-up to Ian Rush. In 1984-5 he scored 22 league goals and hit five in a single European Cup-tie against Red Boys of Luxembourg. In 1985-86 he won the coveted Golden Boot himself thanks to 37 goals in 26 league games. In 1986-87 he collected another 31 and not only captained Ajax to victory in the Cup-winners' Cup but scored their winner in the final against Lokomotiv Leipzig. Milan bought him, despite competition from Barcelona, Roma and Werder Bremen, to replace Mark Hateley. He missed most of the season because of injury but returned for the run-in to score several vital goals as substitute. To top that, Van Basten then ended the European championship finals with the top-scorer's award (his five goals included a hat-trick against England and a most memorable winner in the Final against the Soviet Union) as well as the top player's crown. He scored two fine goals in Milan's Champions' Cup triumph over Steaua Bucharest.

FOR YOUR THE WORLD

WORLD MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Previous winners

1982
1. Enzo Bearzot (Italy) 49
2. Tele Santana (Brazil) 18
3. Michel Hidalgo (France) 7

1983
1. Sepp Piontek (Denmark) 29
2. Ernst Happel (Hamburg) 27
3. Nils Liedholm (Roma) 10

1984
1. Michel Hidalgo (France) 30
2. Joe Fagan (Liverpool) 15
3. Sepp Piontek (Denmark) 8

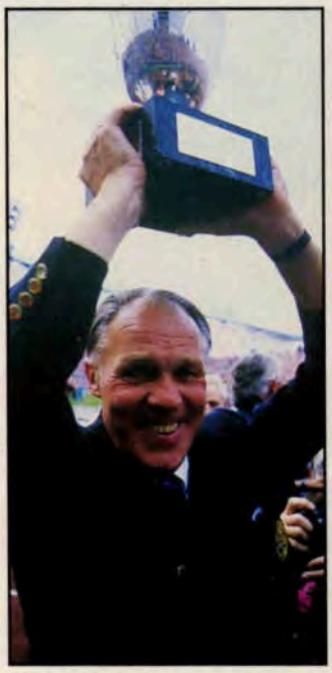
1985
1. Terry Venables (Barcelona) 29.8
2. Howard Kendall (Everton) 28.6
3. Giovanni Trapattoni (Juventus) 5.3

1986
1. Guy Thys (Belgium) 15.4
2. Valeri Lobanovsky (Kiev Dynamo and Sov. Union) 14.7
3. Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool) 14.4

1987
1. Johan Cruyff (Ajax Amsterdam) 24.6
2. Udo Lattek (Koln) 17.6
3. Leo Beenhakker (Real Madrid) .. 16.5

1988
1. Rinus Michels (Holland/Bayer Leverkusen) 48
2. Jackie Charlton (Rep.Ireland) 13
3. Arrigo Sacchi (Milan) 6

CURRENT HOLDER . . . Marinus 'Rinus' MICHELS. Aged 61 (born February 9, 1928). Nicknamed Iron Rinus. First made his name as a centre-forward with Ajax in the late 1940s and early 1950s. He played five times for his country, making his debut in a 4-1 defeat by Sweden in Stockholm in June 1950. Later Michels took up coaching and was appointed boss at Ajax in 1965. Guided them to four championships in five years — including the league-and-cup double twice — to the European Cup final in 1969 (where Ajax lost 4-1 to Milan) and again, more successfully in 1971, when they beat Panathinaikos of Greece 2-0 at Wembley. Michels was seen as the 'father' of the thrilling total football displayed by the Dutch in the early 1970s. He was lured away to Spain by Barcelona, taking Johan Cruyff and then Johan Neeskens with him, but returned in a part-time capacity to guide the Dutch national team to runners-up spot in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany. Defeat by Leeds in the European Cup semi-finals the following season led to his abrupt departure from Barcelona. He returned to Ajax, then returned to Barcelona before going West to work with Los Angeles Aztecs in the North American Soccer League for two years. In October 1980 he came back to Europe with Ktln (Cologne). The West German federation, which had rigidly refused to sanction the appointment of any coach who did not possess their qualifications, made a first-ever exemption in his case because of Michels's massive reputation and achievements. Later he went back again to Holland as technical director of the national team but had to step down in the middle of the last World Cup qualifying campaign in February 198e after heart trouble. Once fully recovered, he returned to the helm to steer Holland to this year's European title triumph. Stepped back to earth with a bump when he took over UEFA Cup holders Bayer Leverkusen. They crashed out in the first round last season to Belenenses and Michels parted company in mid-season, returning to a senior post with the Dutch federation.



Successful Dutch coach Rinus Michels and top right, Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish

WORLD TEAM OF THE YEAR

Previous winners

1982
1. Brazil 30
2. Italy 26
3. Flamengo (Brz) 20

1983
1. Hamburg 29
2. Aberdeen 15
3. Denmark 11

1984
1. France 45
2. Liverpool 19
3. Juventus 6

1985
1. Everton 42.3
2. Juventus 8.8
3. Verona 7.4

1986
1. Argentina 14.59
2. Kiev Dynamo 14.55
3. Denmark 8.6

1987
1. FC Porto 37.7
2. Ajax Amsterdam 18.9
3. Real Madrid 16.4

1988
1. Holland 43
2. PSV Eindhoven 13
3. Liverpool 10

CURRENT HOLDERS . . . HOLLAND. There was little dispute about Holland's pre-eminence after their dramatic and deserved triumph in the finals of the European championship. After an uncertain start they came through with flying colours against West Germany in the semi-finals and then the Soviet Union in the Final.

Last year's European champions Holland and below the Copa America winners — Brazil.

Higuita claims a one-man revolution

COLOMBIA goalkeeper Jose Rene Higuita claims to have invented a new concept in football tactics — the "goalkeeper-sweeper."

Known for his defet ball control, forays upfield and penalty-taking, Higuita says: "The other teams have to use a defender as the sweeper. With me in goal it's different. I'm the sweeper."

There were plenty examples of Higuita's unusual stule of goalkeeping during the Copa America. In the game against Peru he came racing out of his goal, headed the ball over the oncoming forward, caught it on his chest and then flicked it to a team-mate.

On another occasion he was to be seen near the Peruvian half-way line. Against Brazil, he cleared one attack with a spectacular flying header — a good 35 yards out of his goal. And against Venezuela he oped the scorin with a perfectly placed penalty.

"Apparently it's dangerous, but I've never conceded a goal like this," he says of his escapades upfield.

Higuita has now scored 26 penalties, and missed three, for his club Nacional of Medellin, and four penalties, and missed none, for his country.

Together with Peres, Redin, Valderrama and Escobar, he is part of a new generation of Colombian players who have helped form a national team widely regarded as the best in the country's history. Higuita blamed the pitch in the Fonte Nova stadium for the team's disappointing performance in the Copa Ameria.

Naturally Higuita has ambitions to play in Europe. "I'd like to play in Europe, in Spain, in Italy, but I'ss wait. I'm fine at Nacional but if a chance comes up, I'll go," he says.

He believes it is important for Colombia to qualify for the World Cup in Italy and play well "so that they don't just know us for the cocaine and the marijuana."

"It's always the bad image that comes across, never the good one. There are a lot of good things in Colombia. If you don't mess with anyone, you can live very well. But if you mess with someone. . . . It's just the same anywhere else."

BRIAN HOMEWOOD'S Rio de Janeiro notebook

BEBETO GIVES LAZARONI A HAPPY HEADACHE

STAND-IN centre-forward Bebeto gave Brazil manager Sebastiao Lazaroni a headache when he scored six goals and became top scorer in the Copa America.

Before the cup began, in fact ever since he took charge of the national side at the start of the year, Lazaroni had made it quite clear that the front line would be formed fo two players and that thos two players would be Romario of PSV Eindhoven and Careca of Napoli.

Bebeto, or Jose Roberto Gama de Oliveira to give him his full name, was regarded as nothing more than a possible replacment if one of them got injured or was not available. But that changed dramatically during the Copa America.

Taking advantage of a chance given to himby Careca's thigh injuruy, the 25-yer-old Flamengo player performed well so that he lifted himself into the "indispensable" category. Hence Lsazaroni's dilemma — he already had two forwards in this category and intended to play with only two up front. the only option was to change the formation of the team.

At first glance it is hard to believe that Bebeto is a footballer at all, let alone one fo the best in Brazil. He is so slenderly built that an Italian reporter who saw him training commented that "if he goes to Italy they'ss break his legs in two minutes."

When Flamengo bought him from Vitoria of Bahia in 1983, Bebeto, then 19, arrived in Rio weighing 58 kils and standing l,69 metres tall.

He makes up for this with speed, quick-thinking and his excellent positioning in and around the penalty area. "He's very good at positioning himself in the area. That's why he gets so many chances and that's why he scores so many goals with his head, even though he's not tall," says Flamengo veteran Zico.

All this makes him a nightmare for defenders to mark and he has been Flamengo's top-scorer in the last four seasons. But it's in the last six months that he has really improved and a fundamental part in this has been played bu Zico.

He has given Bebeto special attention in the last year and his influence could be clearly seem during Bebeto's play in the Copa America, especially in his exceptional passing and first-time touches.

Like virtually all Brazilian players Bebeto has ambitions to play in Europe because "the offers donit compare with the offers from Brazilian teams." According to Zico, there is no reason why Bebeto shouldn't make the transformation to the European game. "The real problem will be to adapt off the field — to turn up for training on time and to be disciplined," he said.

There was a proposal from Bayern Munich but the deal fell through. There has also been talk of a proposal from Atletico Madrid, but Bebeto is now staying in Brazil until the 1990 World Cup after a shock transfer to Vasio Da Gama.

Off the field he is quiet and likes to spend his spare time "with my family." Originally from Salvador, he has bought a house in Rio so that his family could be near him — he has six brothers and sisters and is married.

He doesn't smoke or drink and his main interest is in what is nothing short of a mini-zoo at his parents' home, which includes seven cats, two dogs, turtles, parrots and birds.

Brazil's 1998 Cup hopes getting slimmer

BRAZIL'S prospects of mounting a realistic bid to stage the 1998 World Cup were hardly strengthened by their handing of the Copa America.

Witness events outside the Maracana stadium on the day bnefore the decisive brazil-Uruguay game as an example.

Those who went to the stadium on that day hoping to buy their tickets in advance were told by the man behind the window that they were "sold out."

No sooner had the would-be spectator turned roumnd and started to make his way from the ground, however, than he was confronted by hordes of touts selling tickets for vastly inflated prices.

There is nothing unusual about either a big game being sold out of black market tickets being sold. The strange thing about this episode was that on the day of the match itself, when the police just happened to be around, the windows at the Maracana were selling tickets normally.

It doesn't take Sherlock Holmes, Inspector Poirot or the Pink Panther to work out that somewhere along the line there had been some collaboration between the touts and the authorities. Nobody is accusing the CBF hierachy of direct involvement — it is almost certain that the collaboration was among people near the bottom of the administrative ladder.

On the other hand, everybody in Brazil knows that this sort of thing goes on fairly regularly — in which case the question to be asked is why doesn't the CBF take measures to stop it happening?

What will happen, for example, if by some remote chance Brazil happens to be awarded the 1998 World Cup? Will the supporters be obliged to buy their tickets on the black market then?

But this was not ythe only problem in the organisation of the competition. The CBF showed that it was not even capable of providing that most basic of requirements — a decent pitch.

Earlier this year, the CBF decided that the group one matches would be played in Salvador, even though the Fonte Nova stadium was in bad need of a reform and the CBF had no money to carry out the work.

The biggest problem was the pitch, which turned into a sea of mud every time it rained as the drainage system was completely blocked up. Eventually the Salvador city government agreed to cary out the work — but the money was only released two weeks before the start of the completition.

Problems

This was totally insufficient to carry out the work. As a result when Paraquay and Peru opened the competition, it was on a pitch full of holes that had been dug to get at the drains and completely lacking in grass. As the drains had only been partially unblocked, Teixeira was left praying that it would not rain. Unfortunately for hime, July in Salvador is the rainy season.

All the teams complained about the pitch, in particular the Brazilians and Colombians, the most skilful. The stadium also presented problems off the field — in particular the 18 families who lost their homes in recent flooding and had taken refuse in the stadium.

Attendances throughout the competition basic depended on one thing — whether the host nation were playing or not (the exception being in Salvador where they were boycotted).

Generally they were disappointing — only 12,362 people turned up to see the first round clash between Argentina and Uruguay (preceeded by Chile-Bolivia) while the Colombia-Paraguay and Peru-Venezuela double bill was played in front of only 86 people.

On the other hand Brazil played Uruguay (preceeded by Argentina-Paraguay) in front of 148,000.

Mexico's 1994 World Cup hopes rest with their youngsters

Mexican kids look good for Velarde

From Carlos Ramirez

MEXICAN soccer supposedly took a two-month vacation, but activity during July and August was so intense in player and coach exchanges and other major decisions that the excitement never ended.

To begin with, the Mexican national team saw action on August 10 and 13 for the first time since February. After Alberto Guerra decided to stick to club coaching, the Mexican federation reappointed Mario Velarde (Cruz Azul) to fulfil the commitment to participate in a summer tournament in Los Angles.

Wisely, Velarde decided to call only young players (between 21-23 years) looking forward to the 1994 World Cup. His inspiration was a success. Spearheaded by Efrain Herrera and Ricardo Pelaez (Nexcaxa) and Antonio Alcantara and Alvaro Torres (Toluca), they won the tournament beating South Korea 4-2 and Juventus of Italy 3-2.

What is most interesting is the fact that these young players played open soccer, and Ricardo Pelaez scored all four goals in the South Korea match.

In the 1988-89 season, a total of 69 foreign players were present among the first division clubs (second and third division teams cannot field foreigners). However, only 40 per cent of the imported players really justified their contracts. Of the grand total, 16 Chileans, 15 Argentinians, 12 Uruguayans, 10 Brazilians, 7 Paraguayans, 5 Central Americans and 2 each from Peru and the US formed the foreign legion of Mexican soccer.

Only the Chilean Jorge Aravena (27 goals with Puebla), the Argentines Osvaldo Ingrao (Atlante), Patricio Hernandez (Cruz Azul) and Roberto Gasparini (Necaxa) can be rated as excellent investments. The four of them will return next season, along with 50 other foreigners. The only team without any imported players are Guadalajara, a team who by tradition, founded 75 years ago, field only Mexicans.

Imagination

Additionally, we have had a veritable dance of coaches for the 1989-90 season. Some observers are puzzled by the fact that only a few new coaches appear in Mexican soccer each year. What happens is that a yearly merry-go-round takes place in which those who failed with one team are hired by another the following year.

As a consequence, a dozen or so of the first diviion teams play the same kind of soccer, with little imagination. Virtually 75 per cent of those coaches make their teams play under the banner of "safety first".

Only nine coaches have kept their jobs for next season: Jorge Vieyra (America), Rafael Puente (Atlante), Mario Velarde (Cruz Azul), Antonio Carbajal (Morelia), Anibal Ruiz (Necaxa, Carlos Ortiz (Santos Torreon), Juan Manuel Alvarez (Tecos of UAG),Hector Pulido)Correcaminos of UAT), and Miguel Mejia Baron (Pumas UNAM). Only Vieyra (Brazilian) and Ruiz (Uruguayan) are not Mexicans.

Atlas signed one newcomer to Mexican soccer in the Uruguayan, Luis Garisto; Cobras have Carlos Miloc who has coached at least four other teams in the league before; Irapuato fire the Argentinian Chamaco Rodriguez to bring an unknown Argentinian named Carlos Puppos; Monterrey fired the Chilean Fernando Riera (washed out as a coach, unfortunately, because of personal problems) and hired another Chilean, Pedro Garcia who turned Puebla into the best team of the 1988-89 season but was sacked for their failure to win the playoffs; Puebla recalled Manuel Lapuente who had been fired early last season by Cruz Azul; Tampico-Madero signed Hugo Fernandez, the Uruguayan who built the Puebla team between 1984-88 but failed with Tigres of UNL; Toluca brought Raul Cardenas (former international player and coach) out of retirement after eight years; U. de G. fire Nacho Trelles, the veteran Mexican coach, and hired Alberto Guerra who resigned from Guadalajara after eight seasons; Guadalajara, in a surprise move which has brought a lot of criticism, lured Ricardo Lavolpe away from Atlante (second place in the regular season); and Tigres hired Carlos Reynoso from Tampico-Madero.

On top of that, Atlante moved from Mexico City to Queretaro (120 miles North) to play in the Corregidora stadium amidst loud protests from their followers.

Atlante are the third oldest professional team in Mexico and used to be extremely popular with the common people. However, during the last two seasons they have failed to attract crowds to their Azulgrana stadium, averaging only 17,500 people in attendance in each of their 19 home league matches (stadium capacity: 52,000).

The other shock of the close season was the fact that for the first time all 20 teams stood up to the Televisa monopoly and signed a new contract with Inmevision, the state-owned TV network, with an increase of 500 per cent in income.

WALTZ OF THE TRAINERS

THIS is the incredible list of coaches appointed and sacked in Mexico's first division over the past ten years:

ATLANTE (13) — E. Cisneros, J.C. Lorenzo, E. Cisneros, H. Casarin, I. Trelles, J.A. Roca, E. Arnauda, M. Lapuente, A. Vazquez Ayala, "Birbau", R. Puente-R. Ravolpe, R. Puente.

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LEON (21) — Pizzutti, A. Carbajal, R. Albrecht, R. Bores, A. Etcheverry, C. Resquin, W. Ormeno, Santillan, C. Enriquez, A. Fekete, D. Faccio, S. Anaya, J. Gomes Nogueira, L. Grill, S. Anaya, J.J. Aceves, A. Fekete, M.A. Davino, Ayala, Mata, P. Garcia.

MONTERREY (11) — O. Gloria, G. Pena, U. Chagas, P. Dellacha, H. Eugui, V. Pereda, R. Matosas, F. Avilan, J. Ledesma, F. Riera, P. Garcia.

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TAMPICO (17) — J.A. Roca, I. Jauregui, D. Moll, G. Pena, C. Tafoya, C. Peters, B. Salazar, R. Matosas, G. Pena, C. Miloc, V.H. Eugui, C. Reynoso, F. Rios, B. Salazar, C. Reynoso, H. Fernandez.

TOLUCA (9) — J. Marik, J.A. Roca, L. Estrada, Ramos, A. Feckete, R. Matosas, I. Jauregui, H. Sanabria, R. Cardenas.

TECOS DE UAG (11) — H. Senekowicz, H. Casarin, L. Grill, C. Miloc, H. Nunez, D. Mercado, J. De la Torre, L. Grill, H. Senekowicz, B. Milutinovic, J.M. Alvarez.

TIGRES DEL UNL (13) — C. Miloc, C. Peters, C. Lostanau, C. Miloc, A. Portugal, J. Etchegoyen, M. Lapuente, O. Batocleti, C. Miloc, A. Fekete, H.Fernandez, A. Fekete, C. Reynoso.

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OCEANIA SPECIAL

Restless Rufer escapes to Germany

PLAYER PORTRAIT BY PAUL MOON

FOR 14 of the 15 players who appeared in New Zealand's colours during the 1982 World Cup finals, the event was always going to be a once in a lifetime experience — the only opportunity that they would ever have to rub shoulders with the game's international elite.

The exception was Wynton Rufer. For him, the Spanish Mundial promised to be the springboard to a full time career in Europe.

He had already spent some time on trial with England's Norwich and, during his stint there, scored goals regularly for the reserves. To the dismay of both Rufer and Norwich, however, he failed to obtain a work permit and reluctantly returned to New Zealand working in Wellington as a trainee shipping manager during the week and turning out for Miramar Rangers in his country's semi professional national league on Sundays.

Document

For most New Zealanders, British work permits were relatively easy to acquire at that time. The majority of them have at least one great grandparent born in "Old Country" — and that was all required to gain the desired document. But Rufer, who has a Swiss father and Maori mother, did not have the necessary ancestral qualifications and so was denied the opportunity to commence his professional soccer career with the Canaries.

His exploits with Norwich reserves did not go unnoticed back home and the New Zealand sporting media mounted a "Rufer For The All Whites" campaign, in the hope of persuading national team coach John Adshead to recruit him to aid the Kiwis' flagging World Cup effort.

Before going to Norwich in search of fame and fortune, Rufer had represented New Zealand's B team (at the Merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur) and the under-19s. For the latter, he had scored three goals in the 1980 Oceania Youth Cup and been instrumental in wrenching the trophy away from Australia for the first (and, to date, only) time.

Rufer's youth and B caps were won despite his domestic experience having been confined to appearances for Rongotoi College in the Wellington Youth League. Not until 1981 did he join a senior club.

During that initial season, he scored 7 goals from 19 games to be equal top scorer for Wellington Diamond United and was a major factor in the capital city side capturing the National League Championship.

Even so, Rufer was not involved with New Zealand's senior team as it embarked upon what proved to be an epic 1982 World Cup qualifying campaign.

When he was drafted into the squad (and directly into the starting line up), after 12 matches, it was almost as a desperation measure for the All Whites' cause appeared to be lost. Two wins in the last two Asia-Oceania final qualifying group games, away to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, were now required to secure a berth in Spain; alternatively a win and a draw would suffice — but only if the victory were by a six-goal margin.

Remarkably, the Kiwis, after drawing in El Kuwait, hammered Saudi Arabia 5-0 in Riyadh (the quicksilver Rufer scored one goal in the former game and two in the latter). This meant a play-off with China.

Singapore staged the match and, on a hot, humid, never-to-be forgotten evening, Rufer quickly showed his class. He continually stretched the People's Republic defence and snatched what proved to be the winning goal with the type of strike which has become something of a trademark; brushing aside a couple of challenges while surging into the penalty area, he unleashed a drive which left the Chinese goalkeeper helpless.

When an exhausted Rufer left the pitch late in the second half, to be substituted, the Kiwis were two goals up. Without him, their attack lost all impetus and the final whistle blew with New Zealand clinging desperately to a 2-1 lead.

Still just 19, he showed some very neat touches in Malaga and Seville; never once appearing to be out of his depth amid the superstars of Brazil, Scotland and the Soviet Union.

Glamour

After the World Cup finals, a host of leading European clubs were reported to be eagerly seeking Rufer's signature. It was a surprise, then, when FC Zurich secured his services.

Zurich are not one of Europe's glamour clubs and the Swiss First Division can hardly be classified as among the continent's strongest competitions. However, Switzerland is the home country of Rufer's father therefore no problems were confronted when he applied for permanent residency there and, most observers of the European soccer scene agreed, Zurich (who had featured in the Champions' Cup semi finals five years earlier) would serve as an excellent stepping stone to better things.

A magnificent debut season ended with Rufer winning the Swiss Young Footballer of the Year trophy (he had already carried off its New Zealand equivalent twice) and his club qualifying for the following term's UEFA Cup — in which a superb goal against Benfica spread the youngster's fame further.

During the next couple of years, Rufer evolved into one of the most valuable players in the Swiss League — so valuable, in fact, that the New Zealand Football Association, when formulating its plans for the 1986 World Cup qualifying series, were informed that he could not be spared from club commitments!

So incensed was Rufer that, along with elder brother Shane (who had signed for the club at the same time) he secretly flew to Auckland and offered himself for national team duty.

Zurich responded by demanding that FIFA immediately ban the Rufers from all competitions. A great deal of negotiating was required before the Swiss club agreed to permit the brothers to represent their country, but Zurich gave notice that they would face long suspensions and heavy fines upon their return.

There was to be an additional punishment for Wynton.

At the time of going AWOL, he seemed set to join Borussia Moenchengladbach. Borussia were keen to bring Rufer into the Bundesliga, Rufer was equally eager to move to West Germany and Zurich had, provisionally, agreed a transfer fee.

During his controversial sojourn Down Under, Rufer opened the scoring in New Zealand's match with Israel at Auckland's Mount Smart Stadium through a clinically executed goal after just two minutes, which paved the way for a 3-1 win, and would have registered another goal against Australia at the same venue had English referee Keith Hackett not

disallowed his opportunist effort; believing the ball to be moving when a free kick was taken immediately before Rufer netted (it was a bad decision, as television replays proved conclusively).

As a consequence, the Aussies escaped with a 0-0 draw and then eliminated their neighbours when winning the return on home turf. The Socceroos' superiority on the day was far greater than the 2-0 scoreline suggested.

Rufer performed indifferently in Sydney and must have been a disappointed man as he flew back to Zurich, where news awaited him which would have created further despair — his transfer to Borussia had fallen through.

It transpired that during Rufer's absence Zurich had, without any explanation, doubled the amount of money it sought for his transfer and the former UEFA Cup winners immediately lost interest. To this day, the New Zealander is adamant that this sudden revaluation of his worth was prompted solely by the pique of a club president whose authority had been undermined.

Rufer's act of patriotism condemned his career to 18 months of stagnation and, indirectly, led to an even longer exile from international soccer — a self-imposed exile.

Zurich's slump carried them into the Swiss second division, but at the time this happened Rufer was no longer with the club having, at last, obtained a transfer.

Ironically, when he did finally secure his release all the real powers of European club soccer had lost interest — but his career revived — with unfashionable Swiss provincial club Aarau.

Aarau's spirited tilt at the 1988 Swiss championship, swept along by Rufer's 21 goals, faltered only in the final phase of the season. Rufer's role in what was so very nearly a modern day fairy tale was acknowledged by a second placing in Switzerland's Footballer of the Year poll.

But, the New Zealander and his Australian wife had become restless in Aarau. The town was too small and isolated for their liking and its football team, he realised, simply did not have sufficient resources to remain a force in the Swiss league and fulfil his rekindled ambitions.

So, Rufer returned to Zurich; this time joining the city's other major club — Grasshoppers. He stayed there just one turbulent season.

Rufer played well throughout the campaign, scored consistently and gained a Swiss Cup winners' medal. He even returned to the international arena (his dispute with the NZFA having been resolved after negotiations with the national body's new chairman, Warwick Gendall) — albeit for one, undistinguished, appearance against Israel in World Cup conflict at Tel Aviv last March.

Sadly, the latter part of the 1988-89 term was marred by a series of contractual disputes with Grasshoppers. Although professing to be a born-again Christian, Rufer steadfastly refuses to turn the other cheek if believing himself being exploited and made it abundantly clear that, under no circumstances, would he still be with the Zurich outfit at the start of the current season.

In the end it was one of his least-publicised pursuers, Werder Bremen, who secured the services of Grasshoppers' discontent star, on loan for one year.

Rufer is now presented with his long-awaited chance to establish himself in one of Europe's premier domestic competitions. But, 27 on December 27, he will be aware that further opportunities are unlikely to come his way.

Wynton Rufer beats Brazil's Leandro during the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

Otago cling on to Winfield Shield

CONTROVERSIAL refereeing decisions provided both of the latest Winfield Shield encounters with their biggest talking points, as a dogged Otago team retained the trophy, which symbolises supremacy in New Zealand inter-provincial soccer.

Against spirited Southland (comprised players from the Southland United club of the Southern League Division Two, who occupy the third level in New Zealand's domestic club structure), Otago were saved from almost certain defeat when, with nine minutes remaining, referee Merton Fraser awarded the home side a penalty after adjudging defender Lindsay Thomas to have handled.

Otago captain Graeme Carr converted the spot kick and the holders, two goals down at one stage, had salvaged a draw to retain the Shield.

Two weeks later, Otago faced what, on paper, promised to be an even sterner test against National League Napier City Rovers — in the guise of Hawke's Bay. But, for over an hour, the Dunedin based side's greater determination gave it a distinct territorial advantage and few could dispute the worthiness of a 1-0 lead gained in the 38th minute. Then, their hard-running took its toll and the North Islanders dominated the latter stages. In the 71st minute, they grabbed an equaliser.

The Shield appeared to be heading across the Cook Strait when, just as the game entered its final ten minutes, Brian McAllister's shot seemed to cross the Otago goal-line before full back Rod Groves cleared.

Instead of signalling a goal, referee Garth Cowie (who, ironically, comes from Southland) waved play on and the trophy remained at Dunedin's Caledonian Ground.

Marconi clinch Aussia title

By Mike Ticher

MARCONI claimed the Australian National Soccer League championship for the second successive year, by defeating Sydney Olympic 1-0 in the Grand Final. Zlatko Nastevski headed a dramatic injury-time winner, in front of a crowd of 23,387 at Parramatta Stadium, a record attendance for an NSL match.

However, the match was bad-tempered and disjointed for the most part, and Marconi's victory was marred by the sending-off of defender Matteo Colucci just before half-time, and by a crowd incident at the end of the game. In celebrating the winning goal, the crush of Marconi fans behind one goal brought down the perimeter fence, and several children were carried away injured.

Marconi's triumph was deserved, since they had already won the Minor Premiership (i.e. finished top of the league) in convincing fashion, before negotiating the five-team play-offs which now decide the championship.

Under coach Berti Mariani they have assembled a team which is a class above the rest of the NSL, notwithstanding Olyic's impressive late-season form which saw them surge to third place in the table. Winning the Grand Final with only ten men served only to underline Marconi's relative professionalism and discipline, despite the scrappy nature of the game itself.

Incredibly, they have only one player, central defender Steve Calderan, in the national team squad, but ex-Yugoslav professional Nastevski, and ex-Socceroos Peter Katholos (midfield) and Jean Paul de Marigny (full-back) provide a strong backbone for the team.

The soccer authorities will have been delighted with the size of the Grand Final crowd, the third biggest ever for an Australian club game, following the astonishing 43,000 which Australia's final World Cup qualifier against Israel in April.

Supremo

The presence of Sydney Olympic in the final, with their large Greek following was a relief for the NSL, as they edged out St George, one of the League's worst supported teams, in the Preliminary Final.

The Saints, coached by national supremo Frank Arok, were the other team of the season, securing a remarkable second place in the League with a small and inexperienced squad, largely made up of home-grown players.

St George's commitment to a genuine youth policy, and their professional outlook generally should be a pointer to the future for Australian soccer.

The players will scarcely have time to draw breath before the new season, the first of summer soccer, begins on November 5.

ASIAN NOTEBOOK from PAUL MOON

CHINA POISED FOR FINAL PUSH

CHINA gained revenge for their defeat by Iran in last December's Asian Cup third place play off when topping the continent's World Cup qualifying group five — but only by the slimmest of margins.

Iran and China both won their home games against each other and gained maximum points from the other two teams involved, Bangladesh and Thailand. So, in the end a better goal difference was the factor which gave China a berth into this month's final qualifying group tournament in Singapore.

It was a bitter blow for Iran, which now values success in international soccer as a valuable propaganda vehicle. Forget all about the reports which drifted out of Tehran after the 1979 Islamic Revolution claiming that the mullahs frowned upon football as an unhealthy Western influence. The game is taken very seriously now.

Prominent

Just how seriously was illustrated when Qatari club Al Ahli announced that, due to domestic commitments, they would not be able to release Iranian striker Karim Bavi for World Cup duty. The Iranian government responded by threatening to order all of its nationals in the Qatari League (whom are just as numerous and prominent there as West Indian cricketers in the English County Championship) home immediately. There were also widespread rumours of more perturbing possible consequences issued at diplomatic level.

Al Ahli then decided that Bavi was not quite so essential to their League prospects after all and he gained a release for international duty, but was not as influential as hoped.

It was gallant Bangladesh — much-improved and looking quite a competent unit these days — which proved to be the Iranians' undoing; holding them to single goal victories in Teheran and Dhaka. China gained a couple of 2-0 wins against the south Asians and that made all the difference.

A fully merited 3-1 home win over Thailand earned Bangladesh third place in the group and gave local fans every reason to believe that their team may well feature far more significantly in major Asian tournaments in the not too distant future.

In contrast, Thailand were a bitter disappointment. Although not espected to win the group, most pundits believed that the Thais, whom have a formidable home record, would steal at least a point from China or Iran in Bangkok. But, both won 3-0.

China's chances of qualifying for Italy are not as good as they might at first appear. They did not play particularly well in what was, overall, a disappointing Group Five and traditionally their team includes a fair number of students. Just how much recent events in the People's Republic have effected its line up for Singapore is a question that will probably only be answered when the Chinese embark at Changi Airport.

The predominantly ethnic Chinese community of Singapore usually gives enthusiastic support to teams from "The Mother Country," but in view of happenings in Tiananmen Square, China might not be able to rely upon such backing this time.

Another influence which may work against China is the fact it has experienced far more disappointments than joy at the National Stadium. Of course, the majority of soccer players are superstitious but Chinese players tend to be a little bit more likely to believe in ill-omens than most.

The 1990 World Cup finals beckon for China.

No shocks in India

THERE were no surprises when India's two major domestic tournaments — the Federation Cup for club sides and the Santosh Trophy for state selections — were distributed at the end of the 1989 season.

Goa's Salgoacar retained the Federation Cup it won last year by defeating Calcutta Mohammadan 2-0 at the Coembator Nehru Stadium before a crowd of 21,637. The half time score was 0-0.

West Bengal recorded its 23rd Santosh Trophy success after overcoming Kerala in the final at Gauhati, however the favourites only prevailed after winning a penalty kicks "shoot out" 5-4.

The teams were tied at 1-1 following 120 minutes of conventional play, with Babu Mani netting for West Bengal and Ganeshan obtaining Kerala's equaliser in front of a 19,600 crowd.

Making progress in Bangladesh

THE ambitious development programme commenced by the current Bangladesh federation when it was installed a couple of years ago appears to be bearing fruit.

Bangladesh gave creditable performances in each of its Asian World Cup qualifying group games; even though only gaining two points from six matches, and the improvement achieved over the past few international events is obvious.

This advancement was maintained in the President's Gold Cup staged by the BFF at Dhaka. The host's senior side won the tournament, while the Bangladeshi under-21 headed their preliminary group — beating India's national team in the process.

India's was the only senior national combination sent to Dhaka by the associations which received invitations, but the Gold Cup still attracted a good quality field and Bangladeshi soccer fans gained considerable satisfaction from the tournament, particularly the final in which their favourites beat the always strong South Korean Universities selection 4-3 on penalties after the two teams had shared two goals over 90 minutes.

Aslam put the home side ahead early in the second half, only for Kim Byong Soo to snatch an equaliser with just three minutes of normal time remaining.

Kim also netted in the penalty shoot out but, much to the delight of the 43,000 plus crowd, two of his teammates were less fortunate with their spot kicks.

The 1988-89 Dhaka League season also produced much to enthuse about; with overall standards generally accepted as being the highest ever.

Most of the leading teams in the League, which is Bangladesh's premier domestic competition, now enjoy semi-professional status and recruit foreign players. The tendency is to bring in strikers and significantly the season's two top goalscorers were "imports" — the Iranian Vijen Taheri and Prem Lal from Sri Lanka.

Mohammadan Sporting broke numerous records while gaining its third consecutive success. Most noteworthy of them were a 14th title and the extension of an unbeaten run to 66 matches — this stretches back to September, 1985.

Wari SC and Bangladeshi Jute Mill Corporation gained promotion from Division Two, but it is not yet known which clubs, if any, are to be relegated. This will be decided when the format for the next campaign is finalised. At this time, a 10-team Premier Division, with an eight-strong First Division below it, appears to be the likeliest of many options being considered by the Bangladeshi federation.

1988-89 DHAKA LEAGUE; FINAL TABLE:

Championship Section:	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Mohammadan Sporting	22	19	3	0	57	3	41
Abahani K.C.	22	18	3	1	38	7	39
Brothers' Union	22	10	8	4	24	20	28
Muktijoddah Sangsad	22	7	9	6	22	19	23
Adamjee Jute Mills	22	7	9	6	18	15	23
Fakirapol Youngmans' Club	22	5	9	8	20	26	19
Road Transport Corporation	22	5	8	9	21	32	18
Rahmatganj M.F.S.	22	5	7	10	14	30	17
Relegation Section:							
Victoria Sporting Club	15	2	9	4	8	10	13
Wanderers S.C.	15	1	9	5	13	18	11
Farashganj	15	1	9	5	5	12	11
Arambagh	15	3	5	7	9	18	11
Sadharan Bima	15	4	3	8	10	20	11
Public Works Department	15	3	4	8	8	17	10
Dhanmondi Club	15	2	6	7	9	19	10
Agrani Bank	15	1	8	6	7	17	10

Leading Scorers: 24 goals: Vijen Taheri (Mohammadan Sporting). 18 goals: Prem Lal (Abahani KC). 11 goals: Aslam (Abahani KC).

Saudi Arabia . . . under investigation

Asia Cup still poor relation

From BOB PATEMAN

THE Asian Cup continues to be a poor version of the European, South American and even African competitions. Distance, disinterest and lack of any great tradition of club football keep interest low.

At least the competition is surviving and Oman recently had the honour of staging the group three qualifying round. The home side, not surprisingly, topped the group thanks to a 3-1 victory over Salgaocar of India in the final game. Hamid Hamoud was the local hero hitting a first half hat trick. The whole tournament however was marred by poor sportsmanship, Mahammed Younas of Punjab was sent off against Katmandu SC, while the Nepal team themselves were in trouble against Fanja.

Their West German coach, Reinhard Fabisch, rushed onto the field when the referee refused to allow medical treatment for an injured player and the game was held up for 11 minutes until the police finally physically removed him.

INDONESIA: Jakarta will host the 14th congress of the Asian Football Confederation to be staged next year. The meeting will take place in Bali in May and around 36 nations are expected to be represented. One item likely to be discussed is a challenge match between the winners of the Asian Cup and the champions of Europe and South America.

IRAQ: The World youth and junior tournaments have proved a resounding success but their continuation must be in danger if, as seems likely, nations are cheating over the ages of their players. Iraq are the latest to be found out. One of their team in the February event has been declared over age and they have been banned from any future junior or youth competitions. Nigeria and Saudi Arabia are also under investigation.

In some countries, particularly Africa, it might well be difficult to establish a players true age, as a birth certificate might not be available. That however is probably not the problem. Rather nations are deliberately cheating, even to the extent of providing false documents.

Imagine you come from a tiny tropical nation that half the world has never heard of. Imagine that your country have a great youth team except for a striker. Imagine that there is this lad just a couple of months too old who could solve that problem. Pretend there is this minister who, being keen on sport and keen to acquire some good publicity for the country, is willing to get a new birth certificate issued. Well why not?

Because it involves lying, cheating, and makes the whole tournament a farce, that's why not.

KUWAIT: As if Kuwait had not had enough brushes with the soccer authorities in recent years they are now squaring up for another big 'showdown'.

The trouble is all brewing over the Islamic Soccer Tournament that the country had hoped to stage in March of this year. All the world's Islamic nations, 42 of them, were to have been invited for this marathon event. FIFA however, disapproving of the political-religious nature of the gathering, objected to the title, and to the size of an event that was twice as big as the World Cup. They proposed a six or eight nation tournament.

Kuwait agreed to the change of name but wanted 12 nations and that was the situation when the whole idea of the tournament collapsed. It should have been the end of the story but no, Kuwait are now talking of suing FIFA for compensation. Some £3 million has been reported as the sum being asked for and FIFA have responded with threatening to suspend Kuwait. Again.

MALAYSIA: The approaching Malaysian Cup is already making the headlines. Coach Awang Mahyan Mohamed, who took Sarawark to the Malaysian Cup semi finals last year, has had his ban reduced from one year to six months. Awang made headlines and got into trouble last year when his behaviour disrupted matches and might well have led to riots. However before he can start work he must get clearance from the F.A.M. technical committee to weaver their role on all coaches having an advanced coaching certificate.

Kelantan meanwhile are hoping to sign the 22 year old Indonesian star centre back Robby Darwish. The World Cup player impressed the Kelantan President when he watched him in a friendly game against Singapore and the deal now just requires the approval of the Indonesian F.A.

While Kelantan bank on Asian stars Joher are looking towards Yugoslavia for their hopes. In addition to three players, Jure Jeramaz, Ervin Boban and Mate Boravac, the side are employing a Yugoslav coach, Marin Kovacic. Kovacic however speaks no English so his orders are translated into English by football agent Ante Bekin and then into Malaysian by the assistant coach!

Former soccer star Mokhotar Dahari, considered to be one of the greatest players in Malaysian football during the 1970's, has been sent to England for check ups on a mysterious illness that is affecting his nervous system. The Deputy Prime Minister was amongst the hundreds of fans who went to the airport to wish the former goal scorer well.

SINGAPORE: Still with the Malaysian Cup, Singapore have reversed their original position and signed a second foreign player, Josko Spanjic, to play for them in the competition. Josko will now team up with countryman Boris Lucic and this makes up for the loss of local stars Ahmad Ibrahim and Razali Rashid. According to some sources the change of heart came after Lucic threatened not to sign unless Josko was also included in the team.

NEPAL: German coach Fabisch was at least realistic about the chances of his team reaching the next round of the World Cup. "In my team" he was quoted as saying "there are about four footballers with average skill and one of international calibre."

AFRICAN NOTEBOOK

Arabs still hold balance of power

from MARK GLEESON

THE AFRICAN nations of Africa have again affirmed their dominance of the continent's football, filling three of the four berths in the final stage of the preliminaries for next year's World Cup finals in Italy.

Algeria, Egypt and Tunisia won their respective second round groups at the end of tough struggles against the pride of black Africa, with Cameroon the only sub-Saharan team still left in the qualifiers.

For years now, the likes of Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia have dominated Africa football, at both national and club level.

All have previously played in the World Cup finals, with Egypt and Morocco also past winners

Algeria's Madjer

of the African Nations Cup.

The final set of second round matches were overshadowed by the tragic death of Nigerian midfielder Sam Okwaraji, who collapsed during and died shortly after his country's qualifier against Angola in Lagos.

The tragedy came as a severe blow to the Nigerians, who face a FIFA inquiry after allegations they packed the refurbished Lagos stadium way over capacity on a day of record high temperatures.

Nigerian Press reports claimed a further 11 fans died at the stadium, either crushed to death or of heat exhaustion just 10 years after a similar tragedy at the same venue claimed the lives of 24.

With the country due to host the 1991 World Youth Cup, a thorough investigation can be expected before FIFA give them the green light to proceed with preparations. Nigeria were narrowly pipped by Cameroon in Group C as they again failed to convert their superiority in youth football to the senior level.

It was a close struggle with the outcome of the group resting on the final match between the two teams in Yaounde.

Nigeria needed just a draw to qualify on a better goal difference after their 1-0 win over Angola in the penultimate qualifier.

Anderlecht's Stephen Keshi netted with a header in that match from a Retim Esin pass just seconds before halftime as Nigeria made heavy work of the win, missing a penalty and then failing to capatalise when Angola were reduced to 10 men when Maluka Jesus was sent off in the 59th Minute, soon after coming on as a substitute.

But with the death of Okwaraji, who played in Belgium for Berchem, Nigeria were always going to be up against it in the match at Yaounde.

Substitute

Okwaraji collapsed on the pitch 10 minutes from time and was rushed to hospital after stadium personnel could not find the key to the first aid room where supplies of oxygen were kept.

He was pronounced dead on arrival, probably from either heart failure or a brain haemorrhage, according to Nigerian newspapers.

Cameroon went into the deciding game with an unconvincing 2-1 home win over Gabon in which they failed to take advantage of two early goals by Andre Kana Biyick and captain Emile Mbouh and allowed Gabon to creep back into the match and score seven minutes from time through Nzamba.

A 32nd minute goal by French-based Francois Omam Biyick made the difference in the final game, although Nigeria had much of the play after that as Cameroon put up the shutters successfully.

It was a repeat result of last year's African Nations Cup final in Morocco and put Cameroon through to meet Tunisia in the third round play-off.

Tunisia were the least fancied team in Group D, but in the end edged Morocco, Zaire and Zambia for top spot.

A goalless away draw at Morocco set the platform and with closest rivals Zambia faltering in Kinshasa against Zaire — Eugene Kabongo scored a 10th minute to decide the issue there — Tunisia needed to beat the Zambians at home to win the group.

This they did, somewhat belatedly, with Mahjoubi netting 15 minutes from time.

Group B was not as simple, Egypt being pressed to the last by Kenya, Liberia and Malawi.

Liberia had probably the best chance to upset the Pharoahs, but threw it away in Nairobi where they were beaten 1-0 by Kenya, for whom George Onyango netted the decisive score in the 26th minute.

FASHANU SPARKS NIGERIA REVOLUTION

By DAVID SMITH

NIGERIAN football is on the up and up — and Wimbledon striker John Fashanu intends to be at the hub of an African soccer revolution.

Fashanu, the son of a Nigerian chief, is using his contacts with the African nation's football authorities to promote the sport which is number one amongst the country's 120 million population.

He has already been involved, through his sportswear company Admiral Nigeria, with the African's talented squad in the Under-16 World Cup Finals recently held in Scotland.

And now, having set up an agency to bring Nigerian footballers to this country, he's busy encouraging clubs in England to import young players like those who faired so well on the international stage — and impress upon people that Nigerian football should now be taken seriously.

Fashanu, who was disappointed to see the Nigerian national team fall at

Fashanu lines up with Nigeria's Under-16 World Cup squad.

the final hurdle in the 1990 World Cup qualifiers, says: "There is a glut of talent in Nigeria, much of which has gone untapped for years.

"Recently young black players have been taken on by top clubs in coutries such as Belgium (where five of the Under-16 World Cup Squad now play), Spain, France and Italy. But so far English clubs have ignored them."

Authorities

That's where Fashanu comes in. He recognises the ability and potential of players who are essentially unknown outside the football crazy nation and he would love nothing more than to see some of them enjoy the success on English soil that he so proudly savours.

"It would give me a tremendous thrill to see young Nigerian footballers make a name for themselves in England in the way that myself and the likes of John Chiedozie have done," says the England international.

"That's why I'm working hard in the spare time that I have with the Nigerian authorities — and in particular an influential gentleman called Dr Tade — to make English clubs aware of the talent that coud be available to them.

"In recent weeks we have helped 34 youngsters — all of them 15 and over — get fixed up with trials in this country. My club Wimbledon have accommodated some and non-League clubs such as Fisher and Maidstone have also shown a lot of interest.

"By liasing with our own Football Association and the PFA we intend to continue the process, although I would say it will be another year or so before we see another Nigerian playing with me in the First Division."

The performances of the Under-16 squad in the World Cup in Scotland had already enhanced the reputation of Nigeria's up and coming talent.

Fashanu has been inundated with calls from Scottish clubs themselves keen to know more about the viability of bringing players to these shores. Obtaining visas, he anticipates, will cause problems — but nothing that can't be overcome.

The Wimbledon powerhouse was heartened during the World Cup tournament by the comments of the legendary Brazilian star Pele who was full of praise for the Nigerian squad.

"He remarked on the ability within the squad and he even thought that the best player in the competition was a Nigerian. When such a reaction comes from a man of such repute, surely it is time to sit up and take notice," he insists.

Progress

Fashanu is eager to point out that a percentage of any transfer fees involved in deals with English clubs will go to the Nigerian soccer federation in order to maintain the remarkable progress of the sport.

"The game in Nigeria is enjoying a boom period and along with Japan and the United States is one of the fastest growing soccer nations," he points out.

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MELLOWING WITH AGE

INTERVIEW WITH JUAN CARLOS LORENZO BY DUNCAN SHAW

I WENT in half afraid. After all the horror stories I'd heard and read over the years about Juan Carlos Lorenzo, I was a bit scared. They said he was aggressive, irritable, short-tempered, even violent. But not a bit of it. To my surprise, I was greeted by a friendly-looking old gentleman, smiling and offering me coffee. Could this really be the man who'd been involved in so many incidents and controversies whilst coach of Argentina, Boca Juniors, Atletico Madrid and Lazio of Rome? I sat down somewhat puzzled.

Duncan Shaw: At the age of 66, what's your present involvement in the game?

Juan Carlos Lorenzo: Very little. When I left Boca Juniors for the last time in 1987, I decided I'd had enough of coaching. Now, I simply act as adviser to some clubs here and in Europe, the ones I've been associated with. Boca, Atletico and Lazio often ring me up and ask me about certain players, if I think they're worth signing. Other than that, I'm completely out of football. I'm the public relations officer here in this company some associates and I formed seven years ago. It's called North Data, and we import computers, mostly Tandem, and distribute them. We're the main competitors here of IBM. The business is going well, despite the present crisis.

DS: You must be very disenchanted with the present state of Argentine football, after the Copa America, and the recent awful Boca-River clashes?

JCL: Yes, very disenchanted. But what can we expect if we sell so many players abroad. In my day, so many quality ones stayed here all their careers. Now, none do. Look at the quantity who've left just in the last week: Batista, Basualdo, Dertycia, Tapia, Gorosito, Borghi, Zamora.

DS: What do you think of Argentina's chances in Italy?

JCL: A lot depends on Maradona. If he's as tired as he was in the Copa America, then we've not got a prayer. Bilardo's a very good coach, but I think it would have been better for the Federation to have sent him to Italy for a couple of years after 1986, to gain experience. He would have returned a better coach.

DS: Tell me about your playing days.

JCL: Well, I was originally No. 10 at Boca, more of an organizer, a leader rather than a creator. I was quite hard, but not clumsy. After gaining two caps, I was sold to Sampdoria in 1950 for, if I remember rightly, twenty thousand dollars. I had a great time in Italy playing with compatriot Curti. In 1952, I was sold to Nancy-Lorraine of France. Two years later, the Atletico Madrid president was impressed by me in the French cup final and took me back to Spain. I was happier there than in France, and my wife and children too. This was partly because I was playing against the very best of the day: Di Stefano, Puskas, Kubala, Suarez and Gento. And also because the coach was Helenio Herrera. He really changed my life by giving me the ambition of coaching like him. He was a real phenomenon, the first coach in the real sense of the word.

DS: What was your first encounter with HH like?

JCL: I'll never forget it. We went down to Sevilla and were very nervous. To give us confidence, when the Press asked him for a forecast, he told them "We'll win without getting out of the bus!"

DS: I'm sure you learnt a lot from Herrera.

JCL: An enormous amount. About putting the players in the right frame of mind for example. In order to get rid of our nerves, he used to make us sit in a circle around a ball and shout: "The ball is our bread! We shall win so we can eat well!" We always ran out well motivated. Another advantage was his immense network of collaborators, who used to tell him everything about the opposition, their weak points, their strong points. In those days, nobody else bothered to study the other team.

DS: Don't you think he was essentially a defensive, negative coach?

JCL: That's the same nonsense that they say about me, because I was his disciple if you like. No, he wasn't defensive, just intelligent. It wasn't he who invented catenaccio. By the time he went to Italy, it had already started. He just perfected it at Inter. He was years ahead of his time in preaching that the most important thing was to turn attack to defence, and vice versa, as quickly as possible. To open up all over the field when you had the ball, to close up when you hadn't got it. Sounds simple now, but HH was the first to coach in this way.

DS: It seems he was a strict disciplinarian.

JCL: Of course, and that's important too. But he never stifled our creativity. We also had an excellent physical preparation.

DS: But you still didn't beat Real Madrid for the title.

JCL: Well, they had far better players, Di Stefano, Puskas etc. We did win the Cup twice. I retired in 1958, at the age of 35, and immediately did the Spanish coaching course, together with Di Stefano and Kubala. And I earned my first coaching job, at Mallorca, partly to the influence of Di Stefano, always a great friend of mine.

DS: Did you find coaching hard at first?

JCL: No, I was full of confidence. And whenever I had a problem, I rang up HH. I took Mallorca up into the second then the first in successive seasons. In 1960, our first season in the top flight, we came fifth. I was really walking on air in those years, and the fans worshipped me!

DS: Did you receive many other offers?

JCL: A good few, yes. I was about to join the Real Madrid coaching staff, when I got a great offer to come back to BA to coach San Lorenzo. We came second in my first season at Almagro, then I was given the national team job. At the age of 38, would you believe!

DS: That was the time when Argentine football was trying to "Europeanize", after being thrashed 6-1 by Czechoslovakia.

JCL: That's right. They saw me as the best candidate, given my youth and European experience. But it was too much for me, I hadn't enough experience. I was too much for me to change Argentine football on my own. In those days, neither training nor tactics were taken too seriously here, and the physical preparation was poor. Still, we were unfortunate to be eliminated from the 1962 World Cup in Chile by England on goal difference.

DS: Were you pleased to return to Europe afterwards?

JCL: Yes. I took Lazio of Rome back up to the first division, then in 1965 moved across the city to Roma. In 1966, we won the Italian Cup, then I was offered the Argentina job again just three weeks before the World Cup in England, when Zubeldia resigned. Because of the difficult conditions, I thought about refusing. But I've always been an optimist, and a patriot.

DS: Many experts were impressed by your team in England.

JDL: We started out very well, beating Spain. We thought we had Uruguay in the quarter-finals, but it turned out to be England at Wembley. Everyone thought, ciao Argentina, but I was confident of our chances, because we knew how to hold on to the ball.

DS: Until your captain Rattin was sent off for alleged dissent by Herr Kreitlein, I presume you considered it an unfair decision?

JCL: Yes, of course. The same as every Argentine. It happened like this. Ferreiro was booked for chopping down Peters. When Peters got his revenge in the same way, Rattin told Kreitlein that the Englishman should also be booked. Rattin had the right to talk to the ref because he was captain, indeed the lynchpin of my whole system. It was like losing 50 per cent effectiveness when Kreitlein sent him off. Obviously, an interpreter would have helped to resolve the problem.

DS: The team wanted to abandon the match. What was your attitude?

JCL: Of course, I was as indignant

as any of us. But I told the lads to keep playing, otherwise we'd have been thrown out of the competition.

DS: After you'd eventually lost 1-0, it's alleged that your players went out of control, attacking the England team, even urinating in the corridors.

JCL: All I can say is that I saw nothing of the kind. I told the boys to walk away with their heads held high, that the world would recognize the injustice that'd been done to us. But I kept them strictly under control at all times. That's the kind of coach I was. No way did they act like "animals."

DS: What do you think about the anti-English attitude that emerged in Argentina as a consequence? Did you help to forment it?

JCL: I had nothing to do with it at all, it just didn't interest me, that kind of thing. After a brief spell at River Plate, I returned to Lazio, where I stayed until 1972.

DS: And where you had more problems with the English.

JCL: Unfortunately, yes. Against Arsenal and Ipswich, in that silly Anglo-Italian Cup. I remember once a brawl broke out between the players at a banquet which I managed to calm down. But, because of 1966, the British Press put all the blame on me. They even superimposed a picture of me on top of a tank!

DS: Which do you consider the best of your many teams?

JCL: When I was back here at San Lorenzo in 1972, when we won the title. That certainly wasn't defensive football at all. Afterwards, came my worst moment in football when, back at Atletico Madrid, we were leading Bayern Munich 1-0 in the European Cup final, only for Schwartzenbeck to equalize in the last minute with our keeper Reina half asleep. I was a minute away from my biggest ever trophy. It was really agonizing seeing that ball fly in.

DS: Were you responsible for the violence of the semi-final against Celtic?

JCL: I won't deny that some of my players went a bit too far. But the Scots were no angels either.

DS: That was your last spell in Europe wasn't it?

JCL: Until I went back to Lazio briefly in 1984. Before then, I'd been at Union Santa Fe here, Boca Juniors, Racing, San Lorenzo and Velez Sarsfield, plus Atlante in Mexico. In 1977 and again 1978 I won the Copa Libertadores with Boca.

DS: But why didn't Cesar Menotti want any Boca players in his 1978 World Cup team?

JCL: You'll have to ask Menotti that one, not me. I was very surprised at the time, like everyone. It was at Boca that I finished my coaching career, two years ago, after Menotti had resigned. But it was difficult at 64, very tiring. I decided to dedicate myself to North Data, and it's a decision I've not regretted. I won't be returning to coaching now, thirty years is enough.

DS: Which player best interpreted your instructions during these thirty years?

JCL: So many of them. Let me see. Two stand out above the rest in this sense. Luis Aragones of Atletico Madrid, who later became a fine coach for them, just as I expected. And Karl-Heinz Schnellinger at Lazio. No wonder he was so prominent in the 1966 and 1970 World Cup finals.

DS: What are the main differences you've noticed between European and South American football?

JCL: Two main differences. The European game is usually quicker, and played by far better physically prepared players. These two factors have so often counted against the Americans in the World Cups, especially Brazil. One of my priorities in 1962 and 1966 was to improve physical condition and speed, but it was hard in such short spaces of time. We domonstrated in 1978 and 1986 that when we manage to raise the levels of these two factors, we can beat the Europeans due to superior skills. From a manager's viewpoint, conditions are far better in Europe, if you're up to the job. And if you can get the right coaching certificates. There's obviously more money. And usually less pressure from fans, directors and the Press. Out here, everyone thinks he can do a better job than the fool on the bench. And directors don't help by often sticking their noses into the playing side, trying to change the team line-ups and so on. In Europe, the coach is generally given more autonomy, time and space.

DS: One last question. How different is the football of today from when you started playing?

JCL: Very different compared to that of the 1940s. But the changes seemed to stop around the late sixties. I don't think football's fundamentally altered in the past twenty years. In my playing days, it was simply all-out attack, with little marking and few tactics. It began to change slowly in the fifties, thanks largely to the innovations of Herrera and others. It started to become more professional, less of a show and more of a battle of bodies and minds. Perhaps I also helped in these changes. The changes since, say, 1970 have not been profound. The introduction of overlapping fullbacks has been important, just look at Brazil last month. There was a lot of talk about the "Total Football" revolution. But for me it was simply the continuation of an evolution towards the polyfunctional player, able to switch rapidly from defence to attack and vice versa as the circumstances demand. It was certainly no overnight revolution. It was just that Holland had the right players to implement this style.

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NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA

The exodus goes on

BY ERIC WEIL

THE nine South American countries currently engaged in World Cup qualifying have transferred 245 first division players to foreign clubs during last year, according to statistics of the South American Football Confederation. One of the smallest of these countries, Uruguay, gives the impression that it is inhabited mostly by soccer players . . . at least to the rest of the world. The Uruguayan FA has 575 first division professionals registered and has passed over 800 transfers of players to foreign clubs in the last 10 years. Soccer players are among the most important exports in a country of barely three million inhabitants.

These statistics do not include Argentina, the biggest exporters, who as world champions are not engaged in qualifying play this year. This year alone the number of players "exported" has already passed the 100 mark and it was estimated at the end of July that 232 professional players were on the books of foreign clubs in 23 different countries which include not only traditional buyers from Italy and Spain, but also clubs in Japan (8) and Greece (1).

The main causes, often mentioned on these pages, are the poor economic situation in these countries most of the time and badly run clubs. This leaves players with lack of security — often the club does not have the money to pay their salaries when due — and they all dream of going abroad for a better life. At the same time clubs are only too eager to sell abroad — at usually cheap prices because they need the cash badly and, in many cases, depend on it to keep going.

The average salary of a first division player in South America is only 550 dollars a month (according to the South American Football Confederation) and Colombia and Brazil are the only countries above this average, while the figure is terribly low in comparison with contract salaries in Europe.

Currently quite a number of the countries fighting for a place in next year's World Cup finals are finding difficulties in getting their players abroad released by the clubs even though the clause is written into most of their contracts. Chile and Uruguay, for example, have even appealed to

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Jorge Da Silva another star on his way out of Uruguay

NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA (CONTINUED)

FIFA to obtain their release. At best, many of these players are allowed to travel back and forth between Europe and South America weekly which does nothing to enhance their performances for either club or country.

This situation has produced some curious results.

★ In Uruguay, national team coach Oscar Tabarez was almost discharged from his regular job as coach of big club Nacional which accused him of harming their interests. Nacional's big rivals, Penarol had transferred two international players (Perdomo and Aguilera) to Italy for good cash and Tabarez then ordered that any player not training regularly with the Uruguayan national team could not play for it . . . which stopped the transfer of Nacional's Ostolaza.

★ In Brazil, national team coach Sebastion Lazaroni was told by an FA official to go and live in Europe to be near his national team now virtually all playing for European clubs.

★ In Argentina, it seems national team coach Carlos Bilardo is taking the advice. He intends to go and live in Italy in November and visit the players at their homes on Mondays, when they are generally given the day off by their clubs, to talk to them and show them videos of each other and possible rivals playing.

★ Chilean national team players threatened to walk out over financial arrangements and the Chilean FA did not have the cash to satisfy their demands. Private businesses stepped in to save the day with 70,000 dollars to be divided among the squad and it appears that if they qualified for Italy there would be another 416,000 dollars to divide.

★ In Bolivia meanwhile, no club would lend the national team its stadium to use for training in La Paz and, after a day of training in a park they were taken to Oruro, 240 km away to train on a soccer field there. One of the main excuses was that the main "Hernan Siles" stadium was under repair, but there has also been a constant struggle between clubs and those in charge of the national team as the former were reluctant to release their best players for what they think is a lost cause.

Coaches

The 1-1 draw between Chile and Brazil in Santiago's national stadium (in South American group 3) was considered an extremely rough game and apart from a player from each side and both coaches being sent off, it produced plenty of bad blood and a complaint by Brazil to FIFA, ending in the banning of the Chilean stadium indefinately for World Cup matches.

Brazilian coach Lazaroni called his opposite number, Orlando Aravena, an imbecile for inciting his players to play rough and he also said it had been a war rather than a soccer match. He may have been right, but less clear was FIFA's closure of the stadium. There had been a bit of misbehaviour by fans — not as severe as at other stadiums which have remained open (River Plate's in Argentina during the 1987 South American Championship, for example) and Lazaroni had been manhandled when being taken off by Chilean police, but Brazil's other complaint, accepted by FIFA, was that messages had been flashed on the illuminated board at the stadium to incite home fans. But that has been done at other stadiums in the past which were not closed. Again the one that springs to mind is the River Plate stadium in Buenos Aires.

Peace

Chile appealed to FIFA and even threatened to withdraw from the World Cup, but at the same time it was reported that the Chilean FA had rented an entire hotel in a Rio de Janeiro suberb for their players to have more peace for the controversial return match against Brazil on September 3 which decided the group.

COLOMBIA: Colombian clubs are also facing financial difficulties as the third stage of the professional league began. Deportivo Cali released 10 players, America, from the same town, offered the same number for sale with three leading ones — Gareca, Ischia and Santin — moving to Velez Sarsfield in Argentina — and Libertadores Cup holders Nacional of Medellin were offering some of their leading stars to European clubs.

Colombia has momentarily turned from a buyers into a sellers market with local clubs signing only three "imports" for the third stage — Jorge Da Silva (Uruguay) by America, Pedro Olalla (Argentina) by Union Magdalena and Cristobal Clubilla (Paraguay) by Caldas.

The fans, with the euphoria of winning the Libertadores Cup by Nacional — a first for Colombia — the South American nations championship and now World Cup qualifying, seem to have lost interest in the local championship and gates are low. But worse for the clubs is that the government's investigation into the clubs' finances to find the possible influx of drug sales profits into their coffers has scared important backers away.

Defending champions Millonarios of Bogota topped the standings in the third stage with a game in hand. While internationals are not playing for their clubs at the moment with Colombia engaged in World Cup qualifying, Millonarios is getting good service from Carlos Estrada who is banned from international duty, a sanction pending from the Libertadores Cup. Estrada scored all three goals in his team's 3-2 win over Atletico Junior which put them at the top over their rivals in the overall points table (adding up all three stages) from which the top eight go into the end-of-season final round.

BRAZIL: Flamengo were due to face Gremio and Goias were to clash with Sport in the semi-finals of the Brazilian Cup. In the two-legged quarter final action, Flamengo had beaten Corinthians 2-0 and then lost 2-4 but went through on the away goals rule, Gremio beat Bahia 2-0 and 1-0, Goias beat Atletico Mineiro 3-0 and lost 2-0 while Sport beat Vitoria 1-0 and 2-0.

But the big event in Brazil was the transfer of international striker Bebeto, top scorer of the recent South American Championship who was earlier reported to be about to join West Germany's Bayern Munich. He went from Flamengo to another Rio club, Vasco da Gama for 500,000 dollars — only a fraction of the price the West German club was reported to be willing to pay for him.

Flamengo tried to block the transfer by judicial means, but then withdrew their claim. They also offered Bebeto an annual 200,000 dollars salary which he turned down because, he said, he had a previous agreement with Vasco who had apparently lent him money to buy his own contract from Flamengo and they had also forwarded him part of his future salary to buy a luxury home.

This would be a case of illegal approach in Britain.

PARAGUAY: Olimpia continue to draw further away in the Paraguayan first division which is in its third round and had nine games to go at press time. The club, coached by Luis Cubilla, has a five-point lead over second-placed Guarani in the 11-team division.

Argentine season starts with another new format

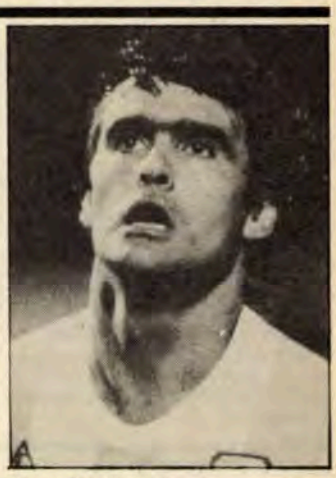
BY ERIC WEIL

THE Argentine national championship started in August with a slightly new format and under economic difficulties which left the playing of the national B division in doubt until the last moment due to transport costs having risen so sharply. Gates were also low, but apart from the price increase to about a pound for the cheap standing tickets — which is a lot for the average worker earning a mere 40 dollars a month — there was another reason.

Argentina's most popular clubs, River Plate and Boca Juniors, were still on tour when the season started and did not play in the early matches and a recent newspaper poll came up with the result that 44% of the country's soccer fans were followers of Boca Juniors and 43% of River Plate, leaving a mere 13% for all the other clubs.

Veteran

Also to blame is the continued exodus of leading players to foreign clubs which passed the 100-mark during this year only even before the season started. Major moves along local clubs were few . . . Boca Juniors gave their veteran goalkeeper, Hugo Gatti, a free transfer and brought in Pogany from San Lorenzo . . . Racing Club (Avellaneda) signed international defender Jose Luis Brown and Vanemerack both of whom had returned after ending their contracts with clubs in France and Colombia . . . River Plate signed internationals Hernan Diaz (Rosario Central) and Medina Bello (Racing) and Velez Sarsfield signed former internationals Gareca, Santin (Uruguayan) and Ischia from Colombia's America and goalkeeper Fillol who had completed his one-year contract with Racing last season.



Jose Brown

A minor move was that of young Luis Fabian Artime from FC Oests to champions Independiente to play centre-forward, the same position in which his father, Luis, found fame with the same club and then the national team.

The new format annuls penalty shootouts to decide draws (in use only last season) and returns to the old system of two points for a win and one for a draw while the first round of the national A division (in which the 20 clubs meet each other once) will qualify the top two teams for an end-of-season four team playoff to decide the second club to accompany the champions into the 1991 Libertadores Cup. The second and third club at the end of the season, when clubs have met each other twice, will also go into the four-team playoff and if one or both had already qualified in the first round the next best placed teams will go in.

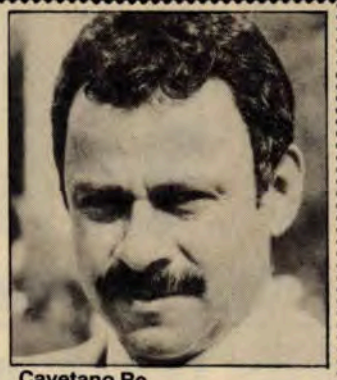
The highlight of the first day's play was champions Independiente's 4-1 away win at Instituto Cordoba where international Ricardo Giusti came back from a lengthy injury layoff to score three of the goals. After two games, with some clubs not having yet played twice, Deportivo Mandiyu — which sold last season's revelation, midfielder Jose Basualdo, to West Germany's Stuttgart — and San Lorenzo topped the table with full points. The latter had virtually changed their team, bringing in a lot of youngsters and four players from Paraguay, since last season when they had lined up mostly with players on loan who left at the end of the season.

Cayetano Re back for Paraguay

CAYETANO RE, who coached Paraguay in the last World Cup, was put in charge again a week before Paraguay's first qualifying match this time when Argentine Eduardo Lujan Manera was dismissed for not maintaining discipline.

CESAR LUIS MENOTTI, the former Argentine national team coach and World Cup winner in 1978 who parted company with River Plate at the end of last season, says he has not received any offers to coach except a special invitation to take charge of a "Rest of America" team to play in Japan in September.

LEADING TRANSFERS — Javier Ferreira, Paraguay international, 20, to Necaxa (Mexico) for 230,000 dollars . . . Hernan Diaz, Argentine international midfielder, from Rosario Central (Argentina) to River Plate (Argentina) for 200,000 dollars . . . Esteban Pogany, Argentine goalkeeper, from San Lorenzo (Argentina) to Boca Juniors (Argentina) free of contract . . . Jose Luis Brown, Argentine international defender, to Racing Club (Argentina) free of contract . . . Oscar Dertycia, Argentine international striker, from Argentinos Juniors (Argentina) to Fiorentina (Italy) . . . Jose Basualdo, Argentine international midfielder,from Deportivo Mandiyu (Argentina) to Stuttgart (West Germany) for 500,000 dollars . . . Bebeto, Brazilian international striker, from Flamengo to Vasco da Gama.



Cayetano Re

Passarella retires and cheats ban

BY ERIC WEIL

DANIEL PASSARELLA, Argentina's former national team captain and one of the country's outstanding fullbacks, announced his retirement at the beginning of August at the age of 36 after having completed his wish of playing his final season with River Place, his only club in Argentina, after having played several seasons in the Italian league. Passarella, a professional for 15 years, won seven titles with River Plate apart from playing 71 full international matches (including three World Cups) and was also the most prolific scoring fullback in local soccer with 99 goals in 294 matches. His 100th goal may come in a farewell match which River Plate may organize for him.

Pasarella's last match for River Plate was against traditional rivals Boca Juniors in a competition to pick a second club to represent Argentina in next year's Libertadores Cup. River Plate won 2-1, but he did not finish the match as he was sent off for verbal abuse. And curiously on the very day he announced his retirement the Argentine FA's disciplinary committee suspended him for four league games.

ARGENTINE LEAGUE FIXTURES

Reverse dates in brackets

Aug 13 (Jan 26)
Instituto — Independiente
Ferro Carril — Estudiantes
Velez — Dep. Mandiyu
Dep. Espanol — Union
River Plate — Newell's OB
Rosario C — Boca Jrs
Racing Cordoba — Argentinos Jrs
Chaco For Ever — Platense
Gimnasia — San Lorenzo
Racing Av — Talleres

Aug 20 (Feb 2)
Racing Av — Instituto
Talleres — Gimnasia
San Lorenzo — Chaco For Ever
Platense — Racing Cordoba
Argentinos Jrs — Rosario C
Boca Jrs — River Plate
Newell's OB — Dep. Espanol
Union — Velez
Dep. Mandiyu — Ferro Carril
Estudiantes — Independiente

Aug 27 (Feb 9)
Instituto — Estudiantes
Independiente — Dep. Mandiyu
Ferro Carril — Union
Velez — Newel's OB
Dep. Espanol — Boca Jrs.
River Plate — Argentinos Jrs
Rosario C. — Platense
Racing Cordoba — San Lorenzo
Chaco For Ever — Talleres
Gimnasia — Dep. Racing Av.

Sep 3 (Feb 16)
Gimnasia — Instituto
Racing Av. — Chaco For Ever
Talleres — Racing Cordoba
San Lorenzo — Rosario C
Platense — River Plate
Argentinos Jrs — Dep. Espanol
Boca Jrs — Velez
Newell's OB — Ferro Carril
Union — Independiente
Dep. Mandiyu — Estudiantes

Sep 10 (Feb 23)
Instituto — Dep. Mandiyu
Estudiantes — Union
Independiente — Newell's OB
Ferro Carril — Boca Jrs
Velez — Argentinos Jrs
Dep. Espanol — Platense
River Plate — San Lorenzo
Rosario C — Talleres
Racing Cordoba — Racing Av.
Chaco For Ever — Gimnasia

Sep 13 (Mar 4)
Chaco For Ever — Instituto
Gimnasia — Racing Cordoba
Racing Av. — Rosario C
Talleres — River Plate
San Lorenzo — Dep. Espanol
Platense — Velez
Argentinos Jrs — Ferro Carril
Boca Jrs — Independiente
Newell's OB — Estudiantes
Union — Dep. Mandiyu

Sep 17 (Mar 11)
Instituto — Union
Dep. Mandiyu — Newell's OB
Estudiantes — Boca Jrs
Independiente — Argentinos Jrs
Ferro Carril — Platense
Dep. Espanol — Talleres
River Plate — Racing Av.
Rosario C. — Gimnasia
Racing Cordoba — Chaco For Ever

Sep 24 (Mar 18)
Racing Cordoba — Instituto
Chaco For Ever — Rosario C
Gimnasia — River Plate
Racing Av. — Dep. Espanol
Talleres — Velez
San Lorenzo — Ferro Carril
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PUBLISH AND

BRIAN GLANVILLE hits back on behalf of the media's 'shabby overcoats'

ROCK writers, Heaven help us, are descending on football, now to strike bogus, holier than thou, attitudes, to the detriment of football journalists, now to produce regurgitated books.

In the magazine Arena, of which I confess I had never previously heard, somebody called Dave Hill, who dabbles in football occasionally, has vilified the Press.

Somebody called Johnny Rogan, previously the author of *The Definitive Biography of the Byrds*, has written a book called *The Football Managers* (Macdonald Queen Anee Press, £11.95), which informs me that before I last interviewed him, Mr Bobby Robson was thinking of kicking me in the genitals. One lives and learns.

Admire

Incidentally, this is one of the worst designed books I have come across since Phil Neal's magnum opus. When are Macdonald going to do something about their art department?

One has, I suppose, to admire the sheer, shattering cheek with which Dave Hill, in Arena, sets about the morals of the football journalists. To come from the sleazy, phoney, sordid world of rock and its celebrators — Traders in Trash — and to excoriate those who write about another entertainment is indeed to hurl stones in a glasshouse. Motes and beams, Mr Hill — or may I call you, demotically, Dave? — motes and beams.

"You know the names," he says, and since I am honoured by being first on his list, perhaps I can take up a few of his points. He begins, for example, with a sneer about "one shabby overcoat" speaking (an overcoat speaking? come, come!) to another in a Press room, unable correctly to pronounce the word creche. "Football hacks," he says, " . . . never less than baffled by funny foreign words."

Are we? I speak perfect Italian, excellent French, very good Spanish, some German, and I read Portuguese. Put your languages on the table, Dave. You can't even write decent English. And in case he thinks of me as the exception who proves the rule, let me record that in Marseille's dressing-room, at Lyon, a few weeks ago, the correspondent of the News of the World was speaking very fluent French to the captain of Marseille.

"It's the number ones who have the most fun," writes Hill, "the smart hotels, the big domestic fixtures, the seat on the plane with the travelling England team."

How reassuring to hear it, especially as one who, not long ago, spent the night at Domeruolo station just outside Verona, on two chairs in the booking office, who has slept in Barcelona airport, and, feet up, in a railway carriage from Stuttgart to Frankfurt.

And then, what a moralist is Our Dave, fresh from the Rock world of groupies, drugs, cacophony (to use a word he likes) casual sex, and grimy manipulation!

> *The mercurial private lives of many of the touchline Charlies are characterised by a rabid randiness that makes England manager Bobby Robson — whose reported extra curricular romance was a recent end of season News of the World "exclusive" — sound positively virginal. Recalls one chastened sporting scribe (no, gentle reader, Mr Hill can't write) relieved these days to be installed safely behind a desk; "I used to go on trips where perfectly sane people would be dropped off by their wives at somewhere like Nottingham Airport, and that evening they'd be buying a prostitute in Prague."*

What's new, or earth shatttering? A minority of football journalists have always behaved like this for as far back as I can remember — 30 years or so — and a minority still do. Most of them don't. When Mike Langley of the Sunday People goes abroad, he searches almost compulsively for museums, ancient towns, even dinosaur pits. Such journalists as he, as Mr. Hill observes in this passage, are also in a minority.

Envious

To generalise is to distort; but then Mr. Hill, almost all of whose information is clearly second hand, just doesn't know the world. His is the outsider's view, at once rancid and envious. No anecdotes, no humorous tales and insights, to lighten his silly, hypocritical tirade.

And, not being of that world, not being acquainted with it at first hand, he makes foolish mistakes.

There was a time when the relationship between football people and football writers was based on a degree of reciprosal trust. The manic pursuit of anything in a skirt was a universal practice and understood to go beyond the bounds of coverage. Nowadays there's nothing more likely to elevate a by-line from back page to front than pinning some peccadillo on a public figure, a Robson . . .

Wrong, utterly wrong, again, so ludicrously as to discredit the whole jaundiced article. It is not football journalists who have blown the whistle on the likes of Bobby Robson, quite the reverse. Over the years, there has been a kind of omerta, a conspiracy of silence, about such escapades. Certain famous managers would have been exposed long, long ago, had the football Press not turned a blind eye and a deaf ear.

Indeed, some years ago, when Southampton returned from a trip in Scandinavia, on which several of their players were accused of rape, they found waiting for them at the airport a platoon of news reporters, whose editors did not trust the football writers to reveal the story.

Then, there is the case of Kenny Dalglish and the Liverpool lunch. For reasons best known to himself — ignorance again, I surmise — Hill calls Dalglish a "Calvinist." The outsider's view of a man who, whatever his virtues and defects, could never possibly be thus classified by anyone who knew anything about him. Unless of course Mr. Hill is unaware of what Calvinism implies. For this at least, I'd give him the benefit of the doubt.

To return, however, to that lunch. Mr. Hill gets it about half right. He says that it was held by Liverpool "in a vain attempt to undo a fractious and embarrassing antipathy between the

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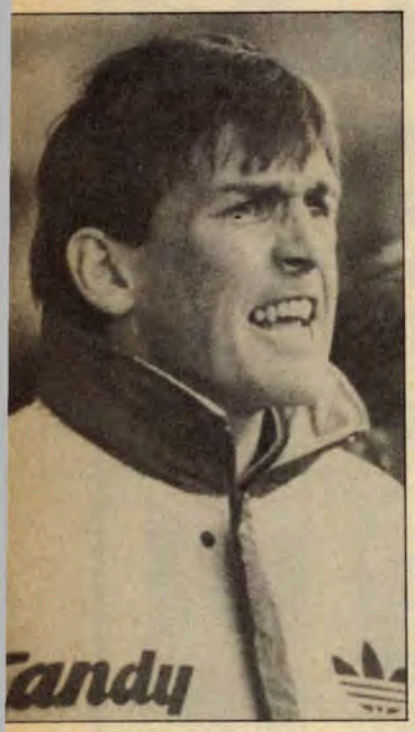

Left: It's not soccer journalists that have blown the whistle on Bobby Robson. Above: Kenny Dalglish — detests Press Conferences.

entire football media and the incorrigible Kenny Dalglish. All the 'qualities' were there, and it was a polite enough occasion."

Indeed they were there — I was among them — since the reason Liverpool called the lunch was because they were perturbed by what they perceived as the poor relations between the 'qualities' and Kenny. When invited, I suggested that since Dalglish so clearly detested giving Press Conferences, the simple solution was plainly to stop giving them. QED.

The lunch was held at a dreary hotel in Swiss Cottage, in a gloomy private suite. It did indeed pass off in an atmosphere of wholly relaxed bonhomie, largely because its raison d'etre was never raised by anybody. Indeed, when Mr. John Smith, Chairman of Liverpool, rose to address the gathering, it was to thank us "for what you are doing for football." Subsequently, it is true, Kenny's monosyllabic and obstructive attitude at Press Conferences did not change. Why would it? I still think he should stop giving them.

But Hill does hit the target here and there, above all when he castigates the football Press for its subservience. No journalists in the United States, Italy or France would put up with the treatment our soccer writers have always accepted from the clubs and from the authorities. In the States, in any major sport, journalists have guaranteed access to the dressing rooms after a match at almost indecent speed. Here, they are barred.

A club like Chelsea can peremptorily throw the Press out of its box in the main stand and stick it in a cramped, glorified, wholly inadequate chicken run on the other side without a squeak being raised; and of course no intervention at all from the ruling body. Unthinkable in America, where the phenomenon of the jumped-up director, aping his social betters in his contempt for the Press — though in little else — is blessedly unknown.

Enough of Hill. Now to Mr. Rogan's book, which seems to me a slightly aberrational piece of publishing. One cannot imagine it selling in any decent quantities, even if it were written by someone well known in the game, rather than someone totally obscure, even if its contents were immensely more cogent, pungent and above all fresh than these are.

Massive

Mostly, the managerial vignettes are scissors and paste jobs, though here and there, obviously, Mr. Rogan has actually bothered to interview somebody. In the case of Brian Clough — about whose career as a player he has been quite scathing — it is Frank Clark, former Nottingham Forest left-back, now the manager of Leyton Orient.

Clark has given him a great deal of relevant, even fascinating, material, but when you compare this with the massive amount of work, the needless interviewing, which went to the making of Tony Francis's compelling biography of Clough, it looks a lazy job indeed.

Mr. Rogan has obviously interviewed Bobby Robson, too, and I am grateful to him for telling me how near I evidently came to an alarming assault.

One newspaper that Robson did read was the Sunday Times. There, at least, he might have expected to receive a less hysterical response than from the ravenous tabloids. Instead, he witnessed a stream of highly charged language from the doyen of football commentators Brian Glanville. The learned Glanville was so disgusted with England's attitude and performance throughout the Championships that he spent an entire paragraph castigating their 'spineless' play.

Above: Former Forest player Frank Clark. Left: Johnny Rogan slipped up with his facts on John O'Hare.

Robson still seems astonished and hurt by the ferocity of the attack:

Glanville! He seldom comes to Press Conferences and things like that and does it all away from the scene. He's been particularly uncomplimentary and nasty. It was savagery! He's just asked to have an interview. Interesting that. He's actually asked to see me. I don't know how to handle it, whether to kick him in the balls or say yes!

To his great credit, he said yes, and conducted himself when we met with charm, humour, even some nobility. Actually it was my Sports Editor who asked for the interview; I didn't want to have it, any more than Robson. And actually I often relish his press Conferences, never missing those marvellous, tortuous, rambling, self-justifying affairs which followed England's matches in the last World Cup. Nor would I have missed the one which preceded the Denmark-England game last June in Copenhagen.

So packed was the small hotel lounge where it took place, I remember, that I was sitting out in the foyer. As Robson arrived, I remarked that he seemed to have a full house. "It's a pity, that's all I can say," he rejoined, and proceeded to give a splendid Conference, full of morose indiscretions. Still, I take the point that I don't attend his pre and post match Conferences when England play at Wembley.

Outburst

Mr. Rogan doesn't write as cheaply and badly as Mr. Hill, though he has trouble with words like "refute", when he means reject or deny, and "favour." He thinks John O'Hare was originally a centre-half, rather than a centre-forward, and bewilderingly makes no mention at all of the fact that Inter bought the Spanish referee, Ortiz De Mendibil, when they beat Liverpool in the second leg semi final of the 1965 European Cup.

Nor was Brian Clough's outburst in the dressing room corridor after Juventus 3 Derby 1 in the semi final of 1973, "I will not talk to any cheating bastards," untranslateable. I know because, at Clough's insistence, I translated it. Here again, no mention is made of Juve's jiggery pokery with Lobo, over the second leg.

This is not a bad or a badly written book; you simply wonder why it came to be written at all, and, still more, why it came to be published.

Talking, by the way, of Mike Langley, Hill recalls the time when he threatened to sue the "alternative" magazine FOUL for traducing him.

Without two ha'pennies to defend themselves, the FOUL fraternity spent the next two weeks in a flat in Shooters Hill..individually removing the offending paragraph from the 15,000 copies left in the publishers warehouse.

But Mr. Hill is wrong again. This was not an instance of "an almost masonic conradeship" among football writers. Langley simply had the backing of his own newspaper. Meanwhile, whatever other football writers may elect to do, I haven't the smallest intention of suing Mr. Hill.

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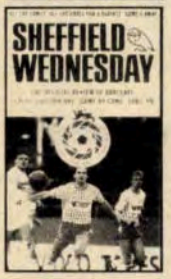

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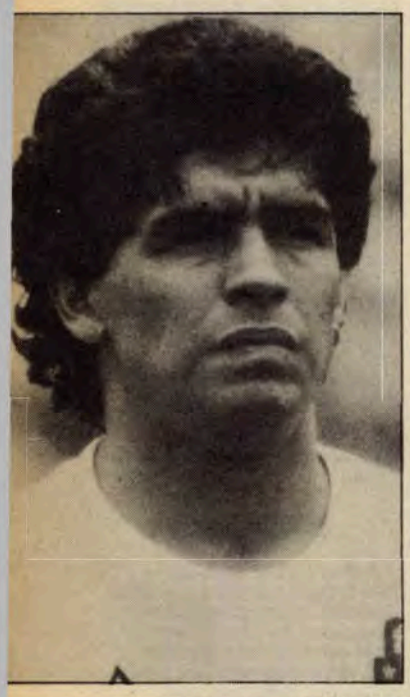

ERIC BATTY presents his 1989 World XI

SOME years ago the thought crossed my mind that only inside forwards should be signed by professional clubs.

Then, those with more defensive tenencies would be converted, those who were best in the air would become centre backs, and those with the strongest attacking instincts (and with a 'nose' for the goal chance), would be moved up to play as strikers.

In this way, the professional clubs throughout the world would present an attractive, skilful and intelligent brand of football, instead of the defensive rubbish we see from so many top clubs these days, and the over-physical game that has been developed in Britain.

Those readers who are too young to have seen 'inside-forwards-would be advised to have a look at Silas, the Brazilian who I predict will soon be playing in Italy, or Ruud Gullit at his best.

They cover the midfield squashing every blade of grass; have one-touch mastery of the ball, and have bright, creative minds, and been coached to 'look around' and keep on looking, from an early age.

Apart from Peter Shilton and Marco Van Basten, all the 11 players I have named in my World XI are good enough to play in midfield, which is where the old inside forwards now perform.

I do not expect to satisfy everyone with my choice, and I have omitted several players who probably would be an automatic choice by others. In particular, Diego Maradona, who in my opinion, now has so much money that he does not really want to play any more.

More players, like Martin Vasquez and Perea, will have played in games seen by many readers, but not noticed . . . but the one thing that all my chosen players have in common is . . . quality. And in terms of real football, quality is everything.

Without quality the game degerates into what the continentals call Hurrah Football, with the ball being belted down the other end, and all the players rushing after the ball. Does that sound familiar?

For many years I emphasised that my chosen XI would never be asked to play as a team, and beat some of the top teams in the world, but this time I have been careful to select a side that conforms to my tactical thinking, is strong in defence, and I believe, really could take on the best in the world.

There is a lesson here too, for English club managers, who may be tempted to follow the style which Arsenal found so successful when they took the League title.

When your opponents are playing with only two 'UP', why play with four across the back, as in England, or a libero behind four across the back, as in Italy.

My answer is to tight mark the two strikers; play with an attack-minded, skilful libero, and pack the midfield with good players. In Arsenal terms, they should sell Dixon and Winterburn, and play players like Davis and Hayes as their right and left backs.

While on this line of thought, which is criticising the English managers, why not play with three 'up' when they are behind, and take off their right back? With no left winger to mark for 99 per cent of the time, who needs a right back anyway? A player like Paul Davis at right back would improve the quality of the Arsenal play . . . always assuming he could hold his temper.

A player like Frank Rijkaard in right midfield would keep an eye open for anyone attempting to 'break' down the left flank, and pick them up. The libero would also help to fill that role, for only in Britain does the sweeper stay in the middle to deal with the high ball. Elsewhere he covers from one flank to the other.

In the team named, I would emphasise to Baresi that he MUST get out into midfield and attack as often as possible. Only if he feels he is too shattered to get back in time, should he not venture forward. That applies equally to Koeman and Perea. If they see something good in front of them, then go forward and do it.

Just as I have discarded Maradona from my team, because he does not want to play any more, I have always had certain doubts about Gullit. His talent and intelligence are beyond dispute, but I have noted a definate dislike of physical contact in him. He is always happier using his gifts to get out wide on the right and cross for Van Basten, while he should, more often, get his head down over the ball and dribbling and feinting, head for the penalty spot. He will be fouled of course, which I suspect is why he does not do it, and earn penalty kicks.

Gullit, beyond doubt, is bright and very much aware of things around him but I still have reservations, which is why I place him in my team 'in the hole'.

Gullit finds a place

WORLD XI 1989

Shilton (Derby & England)

Franco Baresi (AC Milan & Italy)

Koeman (FC Barcelona & Holland) — **Perea (Nacional & Colombia)**

Winter (Ajax & Holland) — **Martin Vasquez (Real Madrid)**

Rijkaard (Milan & Holland) — **Michel (Real Madrid & Spain)** — **Silas (Sporting Lisbon & Brazil)**

Gullit (Milan & Holland)

Van Basten (Milan & Holland)

LETTERS

SIR — I am writing because the new World Soccer is brilliant. I go straight to the West German column. But I wish that you could have a space for results from the European countries as well as the tables. The results from the different leagues would help fans see how their are doing each week, match by match. I particularly like teams such as Kaiserslautern, Pisa and Lok Leipzig. Please think about this, as it would make World Soccer more and more unbeatable.

JOHN DICKSON, Ock Street, Abingdon, Oxon.

★ *You will see that we have been thinking along the same lines. This issue sees the introduction of a more detailed survey of European league results — Editor.*

SIR — Now that World Soccer has more pages I hope you are going to increase your coverage of European league results. In the past I have found there have been some odd little publications which tried to keep up-to-date with league results. But it seemed they were not too popular because they all apparently went bust. I'm sure that if World Soccer were to take over where they left off you would find a lot of new readers.

JON SARGEANT, Archfield Road, Bristol 6.

SIR — Congratulations on the new-look magazine format. The South America coverage is the most thorough and comprehensive I have ever seen.

PHILIP KEFFORD, Maple Cres, Penketh, Warrington.

SIR — I shall be taking a holiday in Madeira in October and I was therefore particularly interested in the Portuguese fixtures as there are now three first division clubs on the island. However the information given in the September issue seems incomplete as there are several gaps throughout September and October. Have you been given incorrect information? I would be grateful if you could clarify the issue.

MICHAEL McALLISTER, Heather Bank, Billericay, Essex.

★ *The fixtures published in the September issue are league fixtures only. The gaps occur, as in other countries, for one of two reasons: either the weekend in question is free of first division games because of a forthcoming World Cup-tie; or, the league programme is suspended that weekend because of the domestic cup competition.*

SIR — The Republic of Ireland are about to qualify for the World Cup finals for the first time. Yet they don't have a ground of their own sufficiently big or up-to-date enough to use for home internationals. Shouldn't something be done about it.

MATTHEW KENNY. Palmerston Park, Dublin.

SIR — I have been a regular reader of your magazine since the mid-1970s but I have never put pen to paper before to say so. I am fascinated by the large number of Yugoslav footballers currently playing all over Europe (Susic, Katanec, Vujovic, etc). Am I correct in assuming they are the largest exporters of players at the moment? I would be grateful if your correspondent, Mladen Bilic, could perhaps compile a list of all the players/clubs involved. Admittedly, they are not all of the same quality but I would welcome his comments on the implications of it all.

E.ROBINSON, Fox Avenue, Birmingham.

SIR — I am writing to congratulate you on your excellent articles about Brazil and their problems in the recent issues of World Soccer. It is about time the English soccer fan realises that football in Brazil is not half as good as they imagine it to be.

I am a 19-year-old student who has been back and forth to Rio each holiday to stay with my parents who live there. Being a soccer fan myself, I was appalled when I first saw the standard of league football. It is no wonder that most of the national team play in Europe. A Brazilian team of home-based players would probably struggle against the likes of Luxembourg and Cyprus.

When I went to the Maracana to see Vasco play Flamengo it was a great experience but the game was boring and the stadium not even one third full. The best football you can see in Brazil in on the Bandeirantes TV channel on a Sunday morning, when they show an Italian league match.

Please keep those articles coming because it is about time people knew the truth about Brazil.

JON RAYNER, Homefield Road, Sudbury, Wembley.

Zlatko Vujovic

SIR — Re Nick Carey's letter in the August issue: European sides frightened of the physical approach of English clubs? Rubbish. The real reason these clubs did well in European competition was the heavy involvement of Scottish, Welsh and Irish players. When England sent a side to the 1986 World Cup finals, it did not contain one player from the double winning Liverpool side. None were eligible. This was a unique and ridiculous situation. The time has come to form a Great Britain side, before FIFA force one upon us. One benefit would be that we could scrap the annual England v Scotland game!

CHRIS BARBER, Gloucester.

BOOKS

IT'S football annual time again. No new releases to report this year but readers should be aware of the continuing high quality of two golden oldies.

One is the Rothmans Football Yearbook 1989-90 (Edited by Jack Rollin; Queen Anne Press, 66 Shoe Lane, London EC4P 4AB; price £11.95), the other is the News of the World Football Annual 1989-90 (Edited by Bill Bateson and Albert Sewell; Invincible Press, 16 Golden Square, London W1R 4BN; price £2.99).

Review

Both are top of the range in their category. Rothmans is now in its 20th year and has pushed the price up for the first time in three editions, which can't be bad. We mentioned in last year's review that Rothmans was reaching the point of page capacity so it is interesting to see that a major review and reorganisation has been effected in certain sections to save space and allow for expansion where it was needed.

Readers who use the international section will quickly note that the European country-by-country sections have been condensed both in terms of information and format; also, the year-by-year detail of full European club results from the mid-1950s has gone. With the absence of English clubs from Europe it's hard to argue with that decision.

The other side of the coin is expansion of the English club-by-club pages, which now take up just over half the book.

World Cup success for the Republic of Ireland against Spain at Lansdowne Road

Clearly this is a response to some of the rival annuals (none of which have appeared yet for review, so Rothmans apparently leads the way in more than one field) which concentrated more heavily and effectively on the club scene.

The News of the World annual, still the doyen for accuracy and convenience in Press boxes around the country, is in its 103rd year. The contents are familiar but the News of the World does score over Rothmans in one area — it includes the Scottish League fixtures, which were presumably to make Rothmans.

Both sets of English and Scottish fixtures are also to be found in the Football Association Yearbook 1989-1990 (Pelham Books, 27 Wrights Lane, London W8 5TZ; price £4.99). This is the more formal FA overview of last year with its own useful variation of match reports on all England's matches at senior and under-21 level last season.

The first hardcover books to come off the autumn-to-Christmas production lines are also with us.

The Football Managers (by Johnny Rogan; Queen Anne Press, address above; £11.95) is reviewed in depth elsewhere in this issue by Brian Glanville. Suffice it to record here that the book is a bright read. The most interesting section may perhaps be considered the compendium of managers' unedited comments on the various demands, responsibilities and problems of their strange job.

Bob Wilson

Few books are written about goalkeepers. The German publishing houses, Copress and Limpert, redressed the international balance somewhat ten or more years ago with a couple of excellent books about the great international keepers. Now Bob Wilson, well-placed as former keeper of Arsenal and Scotland, has entered the frame with You've Got To Be Crazy (Arthur Barker, 91 Clapham High Street, London SW4 7TA; price £14.95).

Wilson runs the full gamut of British keepers — from Fatty Foulke through to Elisha Scott, John Thomson, Frank Swift up to the current heroes. He also concentrates attention on a personal selection of foreigners including Combi, Maspoli, Yashin, Maier, Zoff and Co.

An interesting book, particularly because Wilson has a greater understanding than most, for obvious reasons, of what drives a man to be a goalkeeper in the first place!

INFORMATION DESK

S. SINGH, Friary Gardens, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham: You need to contact clubs direct for information on their souvenir items. Team posters are sometimes available in selected foreign sports magazines but are not on general sale in this country.

Y. S. BOLINA, The Triangle, Allems Road, Birmingham: In response to your inquiry about the careers of Nicola Berti, Jean-Pierre Papin and Jurgen Klinsmann, here are their career details: NICOLA BERTI was born on April 14, 1967 at Salsomagiore Terme. A midfielder, he began with Parma (under Arrigo Sacchi) and was sold to Fiorentina in 1985. He transferred to Internazionale in the summer of 1988 and quickly became a vital partner for West Germans Matthaus and Brehme, as well as a regular member of the Italian national squad. JEAN-PIERRE PAPIN was born on November 5, 1963. He began his career in France with Valenciennes and was their top scorer with 15 goals in the second division in 1983-84. These goals earned him a call-up for the French under-21 team but also a transfer to Belgian club Brugge, who needed a deputy for veteran Willy Wellens. Injury forced Wellens to miss the start of the season and Papin stepped up in style — scoring the goals which took Brugge to the top of the table, adding five more in the UEFA Cup, plus important goals against East Germany and Yugoslavia in the European under-21 championship. Indeed, Papin scored twice in the 7-0 thrashing of Slavs in November 1985 which qualified France for the quarter-finals. Was called up for his senior France debut in a 0-0 draw against Northern Ireland. Papin returned to France after the Mexico World Cup — partly at the insistence of his wife who wanted to pick up her studies. Monaco appeared to have him signed and all but sealed but in the end he joined Marseille instead. JURGEN KLINSMANN was born on July 30, 1964. He was West Germany's major success of the European championship finals and then acclaimed as Footballer of the Year. Klinsmann attributes his sudden improvement to the work he had undertaken with his brother, a promising sprinter, to improve his initial acceleration. Klinsmann made his national team debut in the 1-1 draw away to Brazil in December, 1987, and was the championship's top scorer in 1987-88 with 19 goals. Joined Stuttgart in 1984 from neighbouring Stuttgart Kickers and has lately joined Internazionale of Milan for £3million.

PHILIP KEFFORD, Maple Cres, Penketh, Warrington: In answer to your queries about three former Manchester United players: Jesper Olsen is currently transfer-listed at Bordeaux; when John Sivebaek left United it was to join French club Saint-Etienne; the Yugoslav who had a spell with United, Niki Jovanovic, had previously played for Buducnost Titograd and Red Star Belgrade.

GORDON POWELL, Corona Drive, Thorne, Doncaster, S.Yorkshire: In terms of addresses for players, we can recommend only that you write care-of their last major club. In the case of Puskas, Di Stefano and Gento that means Real Madrid C de F, Estadio Bernabeu, Concha Espina s/n, Madrid 16; in the case of Ladislao Kubala that means FC Barcelona, Estadio Nou Camp, Avenida. A. Maillol, Barcelona; in the of Giacinto Facchetti that means FC Internazionale, Piazza Duse 1, 20122 Milan.

PETE GUNNER, Gemma Road, Winchester: The 1930 World Cup was the only one played which did not feature qualifying matches. Qualifying results for the 1934 finals were as follows: Gp 1 — Cuba bt Haiti 3-1, 6-0; Mexico bt Cuba 3-2, 5-0, 4-1; USA bt Mexico 4-2 (USA qual). Gp 2 — Brazil w/o v Peru. Gp 3: Argentina sole entrant. Gp 4 — Egypt bt Palestine 7-1, 4-1 (Egypt qual). Gp 5 — Sweden bt Estonia 6-2; Sweden bt Lithuania 2-0 (Sweden qual). Gp 6 — Spain bt Portugal 9-0, 2-1. Gp 7 — Italy bt Greece 4-0. Gp 8 — Hungary bt Bulgaria 4-1, 4-1; Austria bt Bulgaria 6-1 (Hungary and Austria qual). Gp 9 — Czechoslovakia bt Poland 2-1. Gp 10 — Rumania drew with Switzerland 2-2; Rumania bt Yugoslavia 2-1; Yugoslavia and Switzerland drew 2-2 (Rumania qual). Gp 11 — Rep.Ireland drew 4-4 with Belgium; Holland bt Rep.Ireland 5-2; Holland bt Belgium 4-2 (Holland and Belgium qual). Gp 12 — Germany bt Luxembourg 9-1; France bt Luxembourg 6-1 (Germany and France qual). For the 1938 qualifying competitions, results were: Gp 1 — Sweden v Finland 4-0; Sweden v Estonia 7-2; Finland v Germany 0-2; Estonia v Finland 1-0; Germany v Estonia 4-1 (Germany and Sweden qual). Gp 2 — Norway v Eire 3-2; Poland v Yugoslavia 4-0; Eire v Norway 3-3; Yugoslavia v Poland 1-0 (Norway amnd Poland qual). Gp 3 — Rumania w/o v Egypt. Gp 4 — Switzerland bt Portugal 2-1. Gp 5: Greece bt Palestine 3-1, 1-0; Hungary bt Greece 11-1. Gp 6 — Czechoslovakia bt Bulgaria 1-1, 6-0 (Czechoslovakia qual). Gp 7 — Latvia bt Lithuania 5-1, 4-2; Austria bt Latvia 2-1 (Austria qual but withdrew). Gp 8 — Holland v Luxembourg 4-0; Belgium v Luxembourg 3-2; Belgium v Holland 1-1 (Holland and Belgium qual). Gp 9 — Cuba and Brazil qual direct. Gp 10 — Dutch East Indies qual direct.

STUART MONCRIEFF, Weavers Avenue, Paisley, Scotland: Re the Roma players mentioned: Angelo Peruzzi was born in Viterbo on February 16, 1970, joined Roma in 1986 and made his first division debut away to Milan on December 13, 1987, as a second-half substitute after goalkeeper Franco Tancredi had been struck by a firework thrown from the crowd; fullback Roberto Policano was born in Rome on February 19, 1964, played for third division Latina, then for Genoa before returning to the capital with Roma in 1987. His first division debut was made for Genoa against Sampdoria in a 2-0 defeat on November 6, 1983; Ruggiero Rizzitelli wasborn at Margherita di Savoia on September 2, 1967. He was discovered by Cesena, made his first division debut in a 1-0 home defeat by Napoli in September 1987 and was sold to Roma for £3million last year.

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Brian Glanville EXTRA

THE Hughie Gallacher story (Breedon Books at £9.95 by Paul Joannou), is in every sense a labour of love written clearly for love not money, written in an adulatory manner, and in a manner which is hardly professional.

If it were a book about a cricketer of equivalent fame, it would probably sell splendidly. It is densely detailed, the evident product of much diligent research, it is high evocative of its new remote period, and above all, it is superbly illustrated.

But football, as we know, forget its heroes. I wonder, if you stood outsidethe gates of any of Gallacher's legion of clubs, and asked supporters as they came out what his name meant to the, how many of them would recognise it at all? By sharp contrast, you can still publish books on the likes of C.B. Fry and Ranjitsinghi, cricketing Titans of, last century, with a good hope of selling them. Sad, but ineluctably true.

Gallacher was perhaps the greatest centre-forward of an epoch rich in such players. I remember that when Arsenal's celebrated left back, and England's captain, Eddie Hopgood, published his ghosted autobiography in 1945, he could not choose between Dixie Dean, Gallacher and George Camsell of Middlesbrough for the centre-forward of his best ever team.

I was too young ever to see Gallacher play, but I heard endless tales about him. Of how, in his Chelsea days, he would be jailed on a Friday night, then released on the Saturday morning to turn out for Chelsea. On how the little man was shamelessly and shamefully kicked to bits by ruthless centre-halves, who knew all too well how easy it was to provoke him, get him to retaliate, and hav ehim sent off.

Hugh Gallacher in action for Chelsea against Bolton at Stamford Bridge in 1930.

HUGHIE GALLACHER

The forgotten hero

Though Mr Joannou tries always to put a positive gloss on even the worst episodes in Gallacher's life, he doesn't shirk from at least recounting them. Two anecdotes particularly bear repeating. One Friday night players of Derby County were strolling through the streets of West London when they came upon a recumbent figure outside a pub. The man had obviously been beaten up and thrown out. The man was Gallacher.

Jack Bowers, an England centre-forward, observed that Gallacher wouldn't be doing much against them the following afternoon, but he was proved quite wrong. Gallacher played a blinder. The other story concerns a match in which Gallacher was sent off. After the game, he decided to visit the referee's dressing room to apologise. When he went in, what should he see but the referee bending over his bath. Temptation was too much for him. With a kick, he despatched the referee head first into the bath water; then was quite aggrieved when he received a long suspension!

Gallacher was plainly a wonderful footballer. Not, it seems, very fast, and only five feet five inches tall, but a superlative ball player with a wonderful flair for seizing chances and doing the unexpected. I like the tale of how, playing years after he retired in a charity game, he scored a goal by jamming the ball against the goal post with his head, then nudging it across the line!

He came from the little Scots mining village of Bellishill, and in another nearby was born his friend and partner in the Wembley Wizards team, that great inside-left, Alex James. Gallacher wanted Newcastle United to buy him from Preston but Newcastle, ludicrously, decided that James was too small! Arsenal, in 1919, thus got him instead, a year or so after they had both helped Scotland put five goals past England on that rainy April afternoon in Wembley Stadium.

For a time, both James and Gallacher figured in a dazzling Aidrieonians forward line. Millwall put in a cheeky bid for the whole lot of them, but it was turned down. At Gallowgate, Gallacher became an adored hero, but in due course he quarreled with the club, and they, to the dismay of their supporters, let him go: to Chelsea.

In those days, alas and of course, footballers were wretchedly exploited; £8 a week the maximum wage in winter, £6 a week when the season was over, Gallacher railed against it, quite understandably, but when he did pick up some "illegal" money at Chelsea, he was found out and punished. Today,he would be a two million pound and more player, earning a king's ransom; though who knows, with his story ways and his abrasive personality, how much of it he would have kept?

Ambulance

Mr Joannou admits that he was always an easy mark and a soft touch for the hangers on, the people who plied him with drink and led him away from the paths of righteousness. When the war came, he was back with Gateshead, on his beloved Tyneside, driving an ambulance for the ARP, playing in exhibition matches, working in a munitions factory.

On December 31, 1945, his wife Hannah died after a long period of heart trouble. Gallacher was plunged into a depression and from then, it was downhill all the way. His death was quite horrific. He drank more heavily than ever and in May, 1957. the NSPCC took his 14-year-old son Matthew out of his care. They had quarreled and Gallacher, in a flash of temper, had thrown an ashtray at his son, which had hit him on the head. It was the final straw; and now, into the bargain, he was to be prosecuted.

"People built him up as a hero figure, one of the very best," said another son, Hughie junior, "then they crucified him when he was charged with assault, as though he was a criminal. "Gallacher was due to appear in court on June 12, 1957. At noon on the previous day, he walked on to the nearby railway line at Low Fell station, a little man in a cap. He jumped in front of the Edinburgh Express and was decapitated. The final, horrific irony, perhaps, for a tough, bewildered little man, who for all his lack of inches, had troubled the best centre-halves in Britain with his splendid jumping.

Whatever the difficulties of books about football's history, I wish this one success.

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By GRAHAM TURNER

There were good reasons for the Basque derby between Athletic Bilbao and Real Sociedad to be a tense affair.

"This is the final straw," Real's president Inaki Alkiza raged when, during the close season, Athletic had snatched striker Loren and midfielder Iturrino from Real with offers that the San Sebastian club simply couldn't match.

"We are being used as the nursery side for all the big clubs in Spain," Alkiza lamented. "We bring youngsters through and just as we are about to enjoy the fruits of our labours, someone comes in and steals the harvest."

Real are still reeling after losing key players Bakero, Begiristain and Lopez Rekarte to Barcelona last year. Then Real Madrid had poached John Toshack, the Welsh coach who had built the side which won the Cup in 1987 and finished runners-up in the League to Real Madrid. When Athletic used their meatier cheque book to strip the Real Sociedad squad evcn nearer the bone, the Real board took it like a stab in the back from their Basque blood brothers and controversially decided to abandon a 28-year-old tradition of fielding only Basque players by opening protracted negotiations for Liverpool's Irish international striker John Aldridge.

Yet there was no sign of blood — bad or otherwise- as the fans mingled in the streets and bars of Bilbao before the 8pm kick-off to the opening game in the Spanish League season. The red and white scarves of Athletic brushed against the blue and white of Real in the lines of fans waiting for the barmen to serve the traditional txikitos of red wine from enamel jugs. As in the stadium itself, they expressed their rivalry via jokes and sarcasm with the Real fans not slow to remind the home suporters that, during Toshack's regime, their side had always enjoyed the upper hand in Bilbao.

Others took their pre-match nourishment in the more up- market bars near the ground, among them the Winston Churchill — a pub which reflects the traditional feeling of fellowship between Basque and Brit and which, in footballing terms has nudged Athletic into a long line of contacts with British coaches, the latest being an approach to Bobby Robson in 1979 and the signing of current manager Howard Kendall in 1987. Javier Clemente, the local coach who led Athletic to their most recent League titles in 1983 and 1984, based his playing system on what he had seen at both Liverpool and Ipswich.

San Mames is also among the most British of Spain's football grounds. The fans, leaving the murky waters of the River Nervion on their right make their way through back streets where only the sudden appearance of the massive Athletic shield on a brick wall indicates the presence of a stadium rather than just another factory. Only those approaching from the top end of the city can fix their sights on the majestic girdered arch which, from the roof of the main stand, is the trademark of the groun known as the Cathedral of Spanish soccer.

Even though the match was being televised live by Euskal Telebista the Basque TV network, 40,000 fans produced a formidable atmosphere in the 46,500-capacity stadium. "There's never any trouble at Basque derbies," said a reporter from San Sebastian paper "El Diario Vasco" while he embraced a colleague from Bilbao-based "Deia" in the press box. "You can see the fans aren't even segregated on the terraces," he added, pointing to groups of blue-and-white scarves and berets amid the sea of red and white. The common denominators were the red, white and green Basque national flags wielded by both sets of fans.

In the past, the Basque nationalists have used San Mames to show their resentment against the brown-uniformed policia nacional, whom they regard as representatives of the 'oppressive centralist government' in Madrid. Nowadays, the nacionales share police duties with the Basque

ATHLETIC BILBAO

Real Sociedad

ertzaina in their red berets and 'neutral' security staff hired by the club.

The fans only interrupt their singing to speculate on the game. How will Real shape up under new coach Marco Boronat, Toshack's Number Two who was promoted at the Welshman's suggestion. And the Athletic fans are keen to watch new boys Francisco Ripodas, Luciano Iturrino and, more especially, £1.5m striker Lorenzo Juarros, alias Loren, overwhelmed by his own price tag and nervous at the idea of making his debut against his lifelong club.

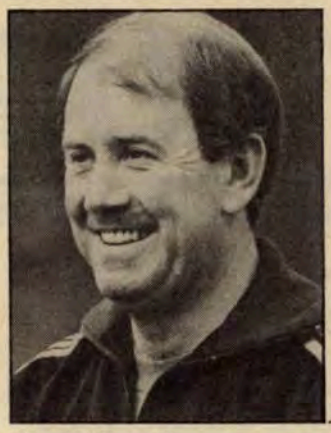
Down in the Bilbao dressing-room, on the same rucked-up rubber matting which England trod during the 1982 World Cup Finals, Howard Kendall gave pre-match instructions with his usual blend of matter-of-factness and motivating good humour. On the other side of the wire fencing which divides the tunnel, Boronat was delivering a more academic tactical talk. He had motivated his players with an act of commendable statesmanship on the eve of the game.

"If the club is prepared to pay big money for a foreign signing," he told the press, "why should Real quibble about giving our local boys the sort of contracts they deserve. I am going to fight and fight until I get just treatment for them. And if you think that's just talk, you wait and see how I fight."

Not surprisingly, Real's local boys ran out on to the San Mames turf prepared to fight and fight for Boronat.

This Basque derby could have been British. The crowd is close to the pitch and act as a formidable chorus line behind the main performers while gourds of red wine are gleefully passed along the terraces. The superb playing surface is watered to produce a fast game "which is an advantage when we play teams from down South", says Kendall. "But sometimes we have to tell the groundsman to go easy, otherwise the game can be a bit too fast and furious for our own liking."

In a British-style game with abundant endeavour but a scarcity of space caused by fast closing-down, Real seemed more at ease. Boronat opted to remain faithful to Toshack's defensive system based on a sweeper (Alaba), two strong central defenders (Gorriz, Gajate) and two full-backs (Bengoechea, Lumbreras), leaving Mujika, Larranaga and Villabona to



Howard Kendall

operate in midfield with Fuentes and Goicoechea in attack. Kendall opted for a flat back four composed of Alkorta, Txirri, Andrinua and Lakabeg, with Luis Fernando, Ripodas, Iturrino and the talented left-footer Garitano in midfield, leaving Loren and Mendiguren up front.

During the initial sparring the crowd greeted two wayward shots by Iturrino with a mixture of cheers and jeers, and Athletic's clearest chance was a Mendiguren shot ably saved by Jose Luis Gonzalez the 25-year-old Real goalkeeper who has undertaken the tough job of replacing the retired Luis Arconada.

The deadlock was broken in the 28th minute when Alaba prevented Loren from meeting a left-wing cross by pushing him to the ground and referee Lopez Nieto awarded a penalty. Garitano sent Gonzalez the wrong way and scored from the spot.

This encouraged Real to push their full-backs further forward and to take a tighter grip in midfield. But while their speed, commitment and control were commendable, they showed in the vicinity of the Athletic box exactly why a goalscorer of Aldridge's calibre was being hunted. Their only clear chance in the first half came just before the interval, when Fuentes was put through and was brought down by a desperate dive from Brazilian-born Bilbao goalkeeper Biurrun. The referee waved play on, but subsequent events

Bilbao tussle with Sociedad

suggest he may have had second thoughts in the dressing-room during half-time.

The Real fans who had shown their indignation after the penalty incident, waved their scarves in delight when, after 14 minutes of Real dominance in the second half, the referee compensated for his earlier decision by awarding the visitors a penalty hotly disputed by the Bilbao players and greeted with stunned disbelief by their fans. A hard cross cannoned off Lakabeg on the edge of the Bilbao box, and the referee awarded a penalty for handball. Goicoechea, the former Osasuna winger now on loan from Barcelona, stepped up and, with Biurrun choosing the right direction, sidefooted the spot kick wide of the keeper's left post.

After the crucial miss, Real continued to exercise a sterile domination, with no further chances to equalise. "I thought we did enough to earn a point," said Boronat, taking first turn in the press room afterwards. "We dominated the game from start to finish, and if we finished as unfair losers it was because they scored from their penalty and we missed ours."

"Real always do well when they come to San Mames," said Kendall. "But the important thing was to start the season with a win and overall I'm happy with the way my lads played, even though I know we can play a lot better. I liked the look of Real. They're just a bit short of punch up front, though."

The fans, after the tension and excitement of a typically hard-fought Basque derby, flocked happily back to the bars to resume where they'd left off with the txikitos.

Aldridge boost for Sociedad

JOHN ALDRIDGE became only the ninth foreigner to sign for Real Sociedad when he completed the £1.3million deal which took him, surprisingly, from Liverpool bound for the Basque country.

Sociedad recently decided, amid intense controversy, that they could no longer compete with the major powers in Spain if they maintained the Basque-only policy whose only defenders are now Bilbao.

Aldridge scored 63 goals in 104 appearances since joining Liverpool from Oxford as successor to Italy-bound Ian Rush. Since Rush's return the two have competed for a attacking place and manager Kenny Dalglish clearly decided that the younger Rush should be given the vote.

Aldridge's last goal for Liverpool was from a penalty when he came on as substitute in the sensational 9-0 thrashing of Crystal Palace.

REAL SOCIEDAD

RAY OF HOPE FOR PLATINI

FRANCE . . . from ANDRE DUCLOS

WHAT a pity it was too late for that Norwegian match to matter! But at least the victory in Sweden, the first French away win for so very long, was enough to cheer up our football, to give Michel Platini his first real ray of hope, — even if Bordeaux king-maker Claude Bez is apparently having second thoughts about Platini.

There are other things to be pleased about. The splendid recovery of Auxerre in Zagreb where they turned a one goal deficit into a two goal victory and qualification in the UEFA Cup. This in turn closely linked with the splendid if belated emergence of Enzo Scifo, that immensely talented young Belgian inside-forward for whom nothing seems to have gone right at all since he left Anderlecht.

Of Sicilian descent but Belgian nationality, indeed, a Belgian international, Scifo was bought for a big sum by Internazionale but he wilted and wasted in Milan, never being able to impose his authority on the play, and hardly being able to command a first team place.

After that, Bordeaux. It seemed that in a Championship somewhat less intensive, to say the least, than the Italian, Scifo might flourish again as he had in Brussels, but again it was not to be. He failed at Bordeaux, alas, as did England's Clive Allen, and this summer both of them left. Scifo was somewhat unexpectedly picked up by Auxerre; and there, at last, things have started to go well.

When asked whether he wasn't a bit surprised to find himself with a provincial club Auxerre, Scifo will tell you he is glad and grateful to be there. It had two foreigners, was able to take on a third, and he is the third. He could not be happier.

Joining them when the season had already begun, he warmed up with the reserves in a Division Four match, not having played a League game since mid May at Monaco, for Bordeaux. The into the first team he went, hitting two goals on his debut against Racing Club de Paris, who seem to be able to knock out some good resultrs at home — viz the 1-1 draw which Marseilles had to fight so hard to get — but to be very shaky on away grounds.

Optimism

Scifo says that was all very well but one had to stay very, very calm. His experience at Bordeaux had benefited him. He was going to be as consistent as he could, now. Before the Zagreb return match, in which he plainly made such a difference, he was full of justified optimism. That bad season at Bordeaux behind him, he says, he was ready to confront any problem there might be.

At Bordeaux, he says, a great deal was expected of him, which was fair enough when so much money had been paid for his transfer. But the obverse of that, he felt, was that when things went wrong and the results did not come, the blame was placed on him.

It was rumoured that he wasn't persona grata with Jean Tigana, who himself of course has now left Bordeaux, for Monaco. Scifo says guardedly that he doesn't know anything about that.

But Scifo admits that he was a little too laid back, that perhaps he lacked "character." It could be that this was the consequence of having made such a swift and explosive entry into top class football, a boy wonder for whom everything went so well, for so long. But now, ironically, he is at Auxerre and Bernard Ferrer has been sold: to Brest.

Ferrer has taken it well, though it was clearly a surprise to him when Guy Roux, one Wednesday in August, suddenly called him into his office to tell him that Scifo was to take his place, and he must work hard. After a moment's reflection, Bernard realised that there would in fact be no future for him at Auxerre, and he told Roux that he wanted to move. Roux said that if a good club came in for him he would not stand in the way. And so to Brest, and Britanny.

Ferrer says he is happy to have moved because he realised last season that the walls were closing in on him. He says he feels he should "explode" at last, that his lurking awareness there was something in the wind, before ever Scifo arrived, was making him try too hard.

He agrees that Auxerre were impatient with him, expecting too much after he had been out so long with a bad injur. But generously, he hopes that his old club do well in the UEFA Cup because, he says, he has many happy memories of it "above all of the pals I have left behind there."

Eric Di Meco is enjoying a fine season with Marseille, and has now of course been capped for France, making his debut against Sweden in the Malmo success. All this after, barely a season before, he felt that he was sliding into the Second Division, where indeed he's been on loan.

Bleak

An attacker then, the tall, dark, fast, overlapping leftback was not improving. Suddenly Marseille decided they would try him as a full-back: and it worked. He won Cup and League medals last season with Marseille, but when that high spending club (who of course have shelled out another £2 million for Uruguay's Enzo Francesoli) acquired Manuel Amoros from Monaco, things looked potentially bleak again. Where would Amoros play?

There were rumours that Monaco would start that compulsive overlapper in midfield, but were he to play full-back, on which flank would it be? Di Meco admits he was lucky that it turned out to be right back at the expense of the unfortunate Thys, rather than his own. So it was that he made an exhilarating start to the season and found himself wearing the blue shirt of France in Malmo.

But how must Marseille have felt that day when Eric Cantona, the centre-forward they kicked out last season and now have loaned to Montpellier, did so well; and scored.

Back in favour . . . Honved's Sandor Sallai

HUNGARY by BRIAN O'SULLIVAN

UJPEST SET A HOT PACE

UJPEST Dozsa, tenth in the championship last season before they lost the international fullback, Istvan Kozma, to Bordeaux and thence to Dunfermline Athletic, the Scottish League Premier Division club, have set a stinging pace in the early rounds of this season's Hungarian League.

Dozsa, who reside in the northern, relatively newer, part of Pest, won all of their first five matches, beating strong opposition, and conceded not a single goal!

The Istvan Varga-managed team began with a 1-0 home win over Tatabanya, went to Gyor to beat Raba ETO by the same score, and then scored three goals at home over Veszprem. Next on the hit list was Vasas, who only just avoided relegation last season and who have reacted positively to that scare.

They lost 2-0 as did another Budapest club, MTK-VM, for Dozsa to take 15 points from the first five matches and lead Ferencvaros and Budapest Honved, the defending champions, who have ten points, the Hungarians having reverted to three points for a win, one for a draw, and none for a loss, thus dispensing with the penalty shoot-out solution to drawn matches which was in operation last season.

Dozsa will do well to maintain their impressive start, remembering that not since 193l-32, when Ferencvaros won all their 22 league matches, has a Hungarian first division team pleted a league season by winning every match.

The percentage of points gained, in relation to the total possible, by Budapest Honved last season was 68 per cent, and that after a withering run in the second half of the programme when they had, among others, the return of the exonerated Sandor Sallai from the match-fixing bribery scandal.

Dozsa's nine goals have been shared among the forwards ut an interesting newcomer for them is Sandor Bacsi, who was obtained from Budapeat Volan, the small-time club in the capital known more as a transporation company and its big, blue, trucks than for any staggering exploits on the football pitch. Bacsi the

Enzo Scifo . . . great talent

word in Hungarian means uncle) has settled in well at Megyeri and scored three goals as well, he and the Pecsi MSC duo, Ferenc Lovasz and Zsolt Turi, traviling Jozsef Dzurjak of Ferencvaros.

Dzurjak will be relied upon to fill the boots of another forward, thre 23-year-old Pal Fischer, who was second to Tamas Petres (Videoton) in the scoring list last season and who was transferred in the summer to Ajax in Holland.

Contract

Other moves involving Hungarians to foreign clubs as the season began were Jozsef Kiprich, the long-striding winger, who was transferred from Tatabanya to another Dutch club, Feyenoord, for $600,000 on a two-year contract, and Laszlo Disztl, the younger brother of the goalkeeper Peter, to Club Bruges in Belgium for an undisclosed sum and again for a two-year period.

The Disztle brothers as well as Fischer played in the World Cup qualifying group match against Northern Ireland in Belfast where a 2-1 win for the Hungarians on their first visit to that troubled city suddenly re-ignited their hopes of somehow snatching the second qualifying spot in the group for next year's finals in Italy.

Bertalan Bicskei, the much-maligned chief of the national team, chose the Ferencvaros midfield player, Zsolt Limperger, still only 20, for his debut in a starting line-up which included five players with western European clubs.

It was the pair with French clubs, Kalman Kovacs (Auxerre) and Gyorgy Bognar (Toulon) who scored first-half goals, both of which were technically-accomplished examples of finishing, from only four attempts to score by the team in that half.

At times there was a suggestion that a rhythm was being established and maintained in the team's play yet the stamina of the Hungarians remains a worry. Hopes of ultimate qualification must remain slim.

Even if the Lajos Detari-inspired red shirts beat Spain in Budapest on October 11 the chances of the Republic of Ireland failing to score three points from their remaining matches, against Northern Ireland at home on the same night and against Malta away, are bleak.

DENMARK by JIM HOLDEN

Simonsen bows out in style

ALLAN Simonsen is on course to finish his career in style — with a championship medal. His home-town club Vejle are top of the Danish league with eight rounds left, having overtaken long-time leadeers Brondby when they surprisingly lost 2-0 at home to the other title contenders, OB of Odense.

It would make it a hat-trick of championship wins for the 36-year-old veteran, who inspired Vejle to success in 1971 and 1972 before joining the traditional exodus abroad.

The incredible 18-year gap is reflected in the fact that Simonsen rarely finished a game nowadays. But careful use of his experience by Vejle has seen them fulfil pre-season predictions that they were the club to challenge Brondby's recent dominance.

Simonsen, a former European Footballer of the Year who had distinguished spells at Borussia Moenchengladbach and Barcelona, has particulary helped Vejle's bright young forward Brian Rasmussen, who tops the Danish scoring charts with 11 goals.

Vejle's challenge has also been helped significantly by losses their rivals have suffered in team strength due to foreign raiders. Brondby lost international defender Kent Nielsen to Aston Villa, and exciting attacking prospect Brian Laudrup to Bayer Uerdingen in lucrative deals.

Coach Ebbe Skovdahl has since put a ban on any more transfers abroad this season, despite tempting offers for goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel and libero Lars Olsen, both, of course, alsoDanish internationals. But Brondby's cutting edge has been blunted.

OB were stung, except financially, by the loss of their Danish international striker Lars Elstrup to English club Luton in a deal which could be worth up to £900,000.

Vejle, in contrast, have clung on to impressive young defenders Henrik Risom and John Larsen, who both broke into the international scene this year.

The key clash of the season is likely to come on October 8 when Vejle visit Brondby. It should be a cracker.

Despite the dramatic upturn in fortunes of the Danish national side, attendances in the league have again fallen, due in no small part to live TV coverage of games.

Bookings

A fair play incentive scheme has also gone wrong for clubs. A total of 15,000 dollars was deposited in a bank for each club, with money deducted for bookings and sendings off during the season. Any cash left at the end could be picked up by the club. But after 18 rounds, only three of 14 sides, B1903, Herfolge and B1913 were still in the black.

The crunch game for Denmark's national team comes up later this month when they face Rumania in the Idraetsparken. The Danes warmed up with a 2-2 draw in Holland, although the Dutch were missing Gullit, Van Basten and Rijkaard.

Optimism engendered by the summer's huge victories against Greece, Sweden and Brazil remains high, though, and a win against the Rumanians would almost certainly put them into the World Cup finals next summer.

The consequences of defeat are unthinkable.

HOLLAND by SIMON KUPER

Dutch drop ID-card system

THE Dutch experiment with ID cards for supporters ended after just one weekend. The opening day of this season was the first time that away fans of five selected "dangerous" clubs had to produce special passes to gain admission. It was also the last time, because the system failed completely.

Both in England and in Holland the govenment forced the ID cards on football, but there is a key difference between the two schemes. In England, all spectators will have to have ID cards. In Holland, where only a few clubs have a hooligan following, the scheme applied solely to supporters of PSV, Ajax, Feyenoord, Den Haag and Utrecht, and then only for away matches. So on the first Sunday of the season, the fixtures affected by the new arrangement were Utrecht-Feyenoord and Den Haag-Ajax. Yet thousands of Feyenoord and Ajax fans without passes saw those matches.

How did they do it? The Ajax supporters got their tickets from their worst enemies, the Den Haag fans, who bought them from their club (as the scheme permitted) and then sold them to their colleagues in Amsterdam. It was a gesture of solidarity between football fans. The supporters of all five clubs involved had boycotted the government's scheme: only a few dozen people in the whole country had bought an ID card. Den Haag and Ajax fans hate each other, but they worked together to defeat the passes.

Feyenoord fans used different tactics to watch their club play Utrecht. They turned up at the Utrecht stadium claiming to be "neutrals", who according to the government's system did not need cards. As one fan asked the mayor of Utrecht (who was present at the stadium): "Can you tell from my face that I support Feyenoord?"

More important, it was impossible for the policement at the stadium to send away the thousands of angry Feyenoord fans demanding entry. At best, the Rotterdammers would have then spent the afternoon causing trouble in the cetnre of Utrecht. It is far more likely that they would have gone into action against the police then and then, and the result would have been a very bloody battle.

Furious

The mayor of Utrecht, Mrs Vos, made the only possible decision: she let the fans in. When the English ID-card scheme starts next year, police in England will constantly find themselves in Mrs Vos's dilemma.

The Dutch Home Secretary Van Dijk soon decided to abandon the scheme, but he was furious with Mrs Vos. He claimed that she had ruined the scheme; the truth was of course that the scheme had ruined itself. It was as flawed as a fourth division football match.

The police and various club chairmen had been pointing this out for months, but Van Dijk continued to believe that his plan would end football hooliganism once and for all. The plan set the Home Office back £175,000 and its failure cost the Minister a lot of political prestige.

Dutch police tackle Ajax fans.

The scheme not only failed to make matches safer, it actually made them more dangerous by causing enormous anger and tension among fans. As a result more mayors than ever forbade matches in their towns. Eighteen matches were scheduled for the first two Wednesdays of the season, but only twelve could be played.

It is even possible that the league will not be finished in time for the World Cup in Italy., The Dutch FA's fixtures secretary, Jan Huybregts, has joked that he will ask FIFA to delay the World Cup to give him more time. Soon, this may no longer be a joke.

SWITZERLAND by ARTHUR ROTMIL

REFEREES UNDER FIRE

IN Switzerland, the home of the world and European governing bodies, FIFA and UEFA, there were heated discussions at the start of the season about the standards and performances of referees.

Some of the most respected match officials have been under fire from the media, team managers and players and accused of "ruining" the championship, with numerous contentious decisions.

System

It appears that the majority of the club presidents blame the league formula for the problems. Significantly, exactly half of the club chiefs have come out in favour of a return to the system of 14 teams in the top division, each playing the others in a simple home and away series. Only three presidents opted for the present method of eight top teams advancing into the championship play-off pool, having taken half the points total with them.

Most chairmen are also pleading for the league to be run from March to November. The club chiefs also favour by a majority of 8-4 a change in the rules governing the engagement of foreign footballers.

In this case it is worth pointing out that in the Swiss league, in the First Division alone, there are no fewer than 64 foreigners active. There is in fact no other league in Europe which allows so many imports as the Swiss, though officially only two foreigners are permitted. But the so called "Football-Swiss" (with residential qualification) and border cases (living within 10 miles of the frontier), are contributing to this astonishing state of affairs in a country in which it is the hardest to become a full citizen in Europe!

Of the foreign contingent 13 have Italian passports, 8 Swedish, 8 West German, 6 Yugoslav, 4 Danish, 4 Chilean, 3 Dutch, 3 Argentinian, 2 Polish, 2 Spanish, plus one each from 11 different countries.

Defenders

Many of them have failed to fulfil expectations and that includes full internationals. The best buys were the defenders from Sweden — Peter Lonn (Xamax) and Roger Ljung (Young Boys) and a member of Argentina's victorious World Cup squad of 1986, Nestor Clausen (Sion).

Roger Ljung

Feyenoord hit rock bottom

THE Dutch league has gotr off to its most surprising start in years. Ajax, PSV and Feyenoord, Holland's three big clubs, have all failed miserably.

Ajax took just six points from their first six matches, PSV were seven from five, while Feyenoord hit bottom of the table for the first time in their history, with just two points from six games. Meanwhile, tiny RKC Waalwijk headed the league with nine points to their credit. And to make everything even more topsy-turvy, RKC's key player is the Feyenoord reject Andre Hoekstra.

Hollands's Big Three clubs have failed to win the league championship only twice since 1960. DWS Amsterdam were champions in 1964, and in 1981 AZ Alkmaar swept the board. Could this season also provide an unexpected winner? It looks more possible than ever — still, don't bet on it.

Ajax's problem this year is that their team is too young. Several experienced players have been injured, and as a result manager Leo Beenhakker usually finds himself fielding four or even five teenagers. This is a side for the future, not for today.

PSV have been unable to find a balanced side. The biggest worry is the libero position. Ronald Koeman has proved irreplacable, and both Michel Boerebach and Josef Chovanec have failed in the spot. Boerebach, signed from Roda Kerkrade, was only given 45 minutes to prove himself: he played the first half of the first match of the season against Willem II, performed miserably, and has been on the bench ever since.

Heroes

But Feyenoord's situation is the most desperate. On paper the team looks strong, on grass it does not. The fans are turning against their own club. When Feyenoord went 0-2 down in the home match against Fortuna Sittard, hundreds of furious supporters rushed onto the pitch and chased their heroes into the players' tunnel.

Pim Verbeek, Feyenoord's 33-year-old manager, immediately announced that the would resign, explaining that feared for his family's safety. It was clear that this was a purely emotional statement, so nobody was surprised when Verbeek said the next morning that he had reconsidered his decision and would stay with Feyenoord after all.

Flemming Poulsen

Verbeek, unusually for a losing manager, then made a demand of his board. He asked director Carlo de Swart to state publicly that Feyenoord could not complete with Ajax and PSV, that the club had to start again at absolute zero, and that the fans should stop calling for immediate success. Young players would be given a chance. De Swart complied. JUST over a year ago chairman Jorien van der Herik had said that Feyenoord was aiming for the Dutch championship and Cup, and wanted to gain a place in the European elite. "Ajax and PSV are light-years ahead of us," Verbeek's technical supervisor Cor van der Gijp now admits. Less than two months before Van der Gijp had boasted, "We have the best squad in Holland!"

Verbeek believes that his men are playing badly because the fans expect too much of them. He hopes that De Swart's statement will take the pressure off the team. The board has also encouraged Verbeek to field young players: in desperation Freyenoord are looking to the fute. For the first time in years, Feyenoord have several talented teenages, and you will hear a lot of Dwight Blackson, Zier Tebbenhof and Gaston Taument before long.

Although Feyenoord have now reached their lowest ever point, they have been declining for years. The atmosphere of gloom at the club has badly affected players. Ton Lokhoff, a former interantiona, gave a taste of the present mood after the defeat at Haarlem: "I was hopelessly bad today, it's just amazing. And I'm not the only one: everybody is out of form, has lost confidence."

It is noticeable that many footballers who have succeeded with other clubs fail at Feyenoord. Lars Elstrup had a miserable two years in Rotterdam, but almost as soon as he left he became one of the stars of the Danish national team. Peter Houtman, now Spara Rotterdam's centre-forward, had several spells with both Groningen and Feyenoord, and he always played much better for Groningen.

Rene Hofman was a star at Roda Kerkrade, had a terrible time at Feyenoord, and is now back at Roda where he has hit form again. "Feyenoord is a very difficult club," says Hofman. "The fans are very critical. One bad ball and they start whistling or shouting at you."

Sensation

Another player who has recovered form and confidence since leaving Feyenoord is Andrew Hoekstra. Hoekstra, a 27-year-old midfielder, grew up with Feyenoord, who sold him to RKC Waalwijk for £70,000 two years ago. Last season Hoekstra played well; this year he is the sensation of the Dutch league. He scored six goals in the first six matches to lead his club to the top of the table.

Yet Hoekstra is unlikely to finish the season as the league's highest scorer. That honour seems reserved for Flemming Povlsen, PSV's Danish striker. Povlsen joined PSV from FC Koln just before the start of the season and scored twice in his first match. Povisen is intelligent, and an excellent header of the ball. More importantly, he understands co-striker Wim Kieft.

World Cup beckons for Herzog

Andy Herzog

AUSTRIA by ARTHUR ROTMIL

FOOTBALL fever is reaching epidemic proportions in Austria since the national side held the might of the Soviet Union to a 0-0 draw and thus took an important step towards qualifying for the World Cup finals.

But the sell-out crowd of 60,000 in Vienna's splended Prater stadium saw a poor match in which the home side rarely threatened the European Championship runners up for fear of losing. Since the Soviets' ambitions also appeared limited, the two teams engaged in the last 20 minutes in an embarrassing back and forth passing game and celebrated the draw as a victory.

Austria's team manager Josef Hickersberger is till cautiously optimistic, but the media are already lauding their "heroes" who are expected in the remaining games away to Turkey on October 25 and home to East Germany on November 15 to make sure of a place in neighbouring Italy where no doubt thousands of Austrian fans would follow their team next June.

Midfielder

On the domestic front three players were making headlines. Admira/Wacker's striker Gerhard Rodax, who in 9 league matches scored 15 goals, yet is still not first choice in the national side.

Rapid Vienna's new star is midfielder Andy Herzog whom team boss Hans Krankl describes as "the white Ruud Gullit". Herzog only 20, is already a full international. His father also played in the Austrian First Division, but was apparently never as good. Young Herzog (it means Duke in German), is said to be dreaming already of a lucrative career abroad. Well, if the Austrians qualify then he could get his big chance to star in the World Cup.

Emigrant

FK Austria's fans are raving about a Russian named Yevgeni Milevsky, 28, who scored 102 goals for Dougava Riga and Spartak Moscow. He hails from Riga the former capital of Latvia and was allowed to leave the USSR as an emigrant. But he had to give up his passprot and is now registered as a "stateless" person! He claims he was never picked for the Soviet national team because of his Jewish origin . . .

ITALY by KEIR RADNEDGE

Napoli to sue Maradona

EVEN though Diego Maradona has made his peace with Napoli after his stayaway summer, the reverse is not the case.

The Italian holders of the UEFA Cup are going ahead with disciplinary action against the Argentina World Cup captain. President Corrado Ferlaino has also told Maradona that a civil law suit for damages would be withdrawn only when they were satisfied that the volatile midfielder had grown up.

At a showdown meeting on Wednesday, September 6, Ferlaino told Maradona: "You are the greatest soccer player in the world. But precisely because of this you have greater duties than others and should be more professional."

Returned

Ferlaino insisted that Maradona had to clean up his act, stop skipping training and must travel with the team to away matches instead of arriving late by private plane.

Maradona had returned to Napoli from his summer holiday in Argentina more than a month late, threatening to throw his contract at Ferlaino and take club officials to court. But when the two men came face to face, Maradona admitted he had been wrong to delay his return and agreed to make himself immediately available to new trainer Alberto Bigon.

The 28-year-old Argentine has been working out in a Naples gym and was almost immediately back in the squad for league action.

General manager Lucianoi Moggi said there had been no winners and no losers in the dispute. But the club would not withdraw a request to Italian soccer's disciplinary body that Maradona should be fined for missing the August 17 start of the season. The disciplinary committee will decide the amount of the fine.

The civil lawsuit stems from the way Napoli are able to capitalise on the presence of Maradona for commercial and money-making friendly matches and other activities. Moggi said Maradona's behaviour meant Napoli could no longer use his image to promote the club. The claim would be dropped only when Maradona proved he had turned over a new leaf.

Uncertainty about the relationship between club and player erupted soon after the end of last season when Marseille general manager, Michel Hidalgo, acting on the instruction of millionaire president Bernard Tapie, spent a day at Maradona's home trying to persuade him of the advantages of transferring to the new French champions.

Maradona's equivocal reaction kept speculation alive and denials from Tapie and Hidalgo only served to fuel more rumours. Maradona then flew back to South America to play for Argentina in the South American championship.

The pressure appeared to weigh on Maradona in Brazil. He was far from his spontaneous best and was pursued on every occasion by a media army. This upset Argentine officials on two counts: first Maradona's poor form wrecked their Copa America bid; secondly, more important perhaps, the AFA had chosen Naples as Argentina's World Cup base for the Italia 90 campaign next summer.

Serious

I understand that if Maradona's interest in switching to Marseille had developed into serious talks, then Argentine federation president Julio Grondona would throw his considerable weight into the argument to ensure, at the very least, that any transfer was delayed until after the World Cup campaign.

Nobody took seriously suggestions that the Italian federation would try to bar Maradona from the World Cup finals. Similarly, nobody took seriously Maradona's bleating that Napoli had failed to defend him against press reports linking him with the Mafia and drugs. He had also said there was a kidnap plot against him, his girlfriend Claudia and their two daughters.

Farewell to Scirea...

MORE than 15,000 fans and virtually the entire elite of Italian soccer attended the funeral of Gaetano Scirea, the former Juventus World Cup hero who was killed in a car crash in Poland, aged 36.

The crowd filled the square outside the Turin church and the service was relayed by loudspeakers. Mourners included Italian federation president Antonio Matarrese, the Juventus club hierarchy led by FIAT supremo Gianni Agnelli and club president Giampiero Boniperti and Scirea's closest friends, including all the members of the Italy team with whom he won the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

Scirea was buried in the cemetery of the small town of Morsasco, near Genoa, which is the hometown of his widow, Mariella. The couple's young son Riccardo was among the mourners.

For 14 season Scirea played sweeper for Juventus, during which he won seven league championships, two Italian cups, the 1977 UEFA Cup, the 1984 Cup-winners' Cup and, in 1985, the World Club Cup, European Supercup and European Champions' Cup. He Also played 78 games for the Italian national team and a record 563 games for Juventus before retiring and becoming an assistant coach.

Scirea was killed, along with his Polish driver and a woman interpreter, when their car collided with a truck near Katowice in south-west Poland. He was on spying mission to check on Juventus' UEFA Cup rivals, Gornik Zabrze.

KEIR RADNEDGE

E. GERMANY by Arthur Rotmil

Transfer fees now due on East German defectors

NO FEWER than twelve Soviet footballers are now plying their trade as full time professionals with Western European clubs. Scores of Poles, Hungarians and lately Czechoslovaks and Bulgarians and even Rumanians have been transferred to the "golden" West mostly with the blessing of their authorities, though in return for cash, in hard currency of course.

But the German Democratic Republic (Deutsche Demokratische Republik, or DDR for short) remains rigid and inflexible in its attitude. No sportsman is allowed to leave the country which only now grudgingly acknowledges paid football. But the players are still denied the opportunity to further their careers and indeed earn a much higher life style abroad.

To those who wish to leave the DDR there is only one route open — defection. Always exclusively to West Germany which does not regard the refugees as foreigners, but as their own and they are automatically granted full citizenship and civil rights. A nominal one year's suspension imposed by FIFA and they are eligible to play in the Bundesliga, though not for the West German national side, if they had already represented the DDR.

This past summer three more East Germans Andre Kohler (24), Jens Konig (24) and Thomas Weiss (21) took advantage of their club Wismut Aue's match in the 'Inter-Toto' tournament and stayed behind in Gothenburg, Sweden. They trained in West Germany at first with Second Division Schalke and then made contact with First Division St. Pauli after a mass circulation tabloid in

FINLAND by Pentti Hietanen

AND THEN THERE WERE THREE . . .

THE league championship in Finland looks like being settled between three teams — Brian Doyle's Rovaniemi PS, Kuusysi Lahti and TPS Turku.

Rops will have to do without their influential English stopper Steve Polack, who will miss the rest of season with an injured knee. In July, Polack also had to serve a five-match suspension for hitting an opponent in a league match in Kuopio.

And coach Doyle himself has had to spend some time in hospital for heart trouble.

TPS Turku have not won the league since 1975, but hope to put it right this time under former player Heikki Suhonen. He can call on several promising youngsters, notably forwards Marko Rajamaki and Niclas Gronholm and midfielder Kim Suominen.

As always, Kuusysi have relied on goals by Ismo Lius, who recently netted his 100th league goal — at the age of 23! Kuusysi also have a competent young coach in Antti Muurinen.

Struggling Kemi got rid of their British coach Ian Crawford — and this after their chairman had called Crawford 'the best foreign coach in Finland'! MP Mikkeli also sacked their coach Jorma Immonen.

SWEDEN by PENTTI HIETANEN

THERN BREAKS RECORD

JONAS THERN became Sweden's most expensive football player when he joined Portugal's Benfica from Malmö.

Although the exact transfer-fee of the 22-year-old midfield star was not revealed, it is thought to be marginally more than the £1 million that Ajax Amsterdam paid to IFK Gothenburg last year for Stefan Pettersson.

Thern's move to big time was expected but at the same time surprising. Malmö had looked certain to hang on to their key performer — the best player in Sweden, according to manaager Roy Hodgson — at least until the outcome of their Champsions' Cup clash with Italy's Internazionale. In fact, the Swedes had already issued a firm 'hands off' warning for all the speculative buyers.

However, a phone-call from Benfica's manager Sven-Göran Eriksson changed all that. Eriksson, alarmed by the unexpectedly shaky pre-season form shown by the Lisbon Eagles, asked if Malmö were ready for a quick deal. Indeed, they were, after hearing the offer!

Inspired

Eriksson, on his second spell at Estadio da Luz, must be hoping for history to repeat itself. In 1982, fresh from his appointment as the coach of Benfica, he went back to his native country to sign Glenn Strömberg from IFK Gothenburg. It proved an inspired move as Strömberg became a huge favourite among the fans and helped Benfica to a league title as well as to the UEFA Cup final, in 1983.

Back at home, Thern's departure was hardly noticed as Malmö mercilessly crushed their traditional rivals IFK Gothenburg 3-0 under the watchful eyes of a trio of English league bosses, led by Arsenal's George Graham.

The Swedish scoring-charts are topped by the reliable Jan Hellström (Norrköping) with 13.

In a poll conducted among the local coaches, Brage's English defender Simeon Hunt was named as the best foreigner in the 'Allsvenskan'. He was followed by two Soviet imports, Vadim Yevtushenko (AIK) and Igor Ponomarov (Norrköping).

Hamburg offered them some £3,300 for an 'exclusive' story. It was a much appreciated "starting" bonus for a new life in "freedom". The latest defection, as I write, was that of the 35 times capped Gerd Weber from champions Dynamo Dresden.

These players were of course not the first and they won't be the last to benefit from the delicate situation between East and West Germany. The first was no other than Helmut Schon — later West Germany's most successful national team manager — who in 1948, together with the entire team of Dresdner SC, the last war-time German champions in 1944, absconded to join Hertha Berlin "en masse".

Attractive

After three months with St. Pauli, Schon returned to Dresden, but after a while he was allowed to become manager in Wiesbaden and later with the FA of the then independent Saarland.

Before the Bundesliga was created in 1963 and before it became financially attractive, two players Wolfgang Fritsche, who joined Hamburger SV and then Hessen Kassel, and Horst Assmy arrived in the Federal Republic as refugees.

One can argue whether either the lure of the Deutsche Mark, or because the Bundesliga is stronger than its East German counterpart, the Oberliga, was the decisive factor in their crossing the 'border' at great personal risk, not to mention that to their families.

On the whole not that many footballers were courageous enough, or lucky to make their escape. Norbert Nachtweih, who first joined Eintracht Frankfurt (1977-82) and then Bayern Munich (1982-89) and is now with AS Cannes in France, was perhaps the most successful. He won the UEFA-Cup (1980) and the DFB-Cup (1981) with Frankfurt and four times the league championship with Bayern (1985-86-87 & '89). Many think that on account of his technical ability he was the best 'libero' since Franz Beckenbauer. But like some other naive German footballers Nachtweih too, lost a small fortune in a dubious property speculation.

Whether Falko Gotz, who together with Dirk Schlegel fled to Bayer Leverkusen in 1984, made a financially sound soccer career remains obscure. Gotz is now with Koln having previously won the UEFA-Cup with Leverkusen in 1988. There was also a furore over the defection of Frank Lippmann who left Dresden and arrived in Nurnberg, before landing in Austria's Second Division.

Goalkeeper Jurgen Pahl, who together with Nachtweih quit after a youth international in Turkey, played for Eintracht Frankfurt in 152 Bundesliga games but was never accepted as the No.1. In 1987 he moved to Turkey before returning to Frankfurt where he runs a leather store.

The most tragic case was that of Lutz Eigendorf. About a year after moving from Kaiserslautern to Eintracht Brunswick he was killed in a traffic accident. His parents were permitted to attend his funeral, but did not return to the DDR. Eigendorf's father took on the job of youth coach with Kaiserslautern.

Every defection poses new problems for officialdom. In West German law the two German states are regarded as one nation. That is why East German refugees receive freely West German passports. But this practice is now threatened by the new UEFA regulation which ignores the term "foreigner" and instead formulates their status as "not eligible to represent the country". Thus the former DDR footballers will in effect be regarded as 'foreigners'. And this concept will undoubtedly lead to heated political debates.

Now, the DDR is admitting that their footballers are not amateurs and could demand transfer fees from West German clubs. But this might cause problems, for how many clubs will be prepared to lay out substantial sums of money on players whose ability they cannot evaluate?

Norbert Nachtweih . . . perhaps the most successful defector

SPAIN by GRAHAM TURNER

Barcelona fans are beginning to ask . . .

HOW GOOD IS JOHAN CRUYFF?

ON the face of it, Johan Cruyff's track record would be the envy of most European coahces. In just four years as a manager he has twice landed the Cup Winners' Cup — for Ajax in 1987 and for Barcelona in 1989.

Yet on his route to double European glory, Cruyff has avoided crossing swords with the continental elite and his two trophies have been won at the expense of Bursaspor, Olympiakos, Malmo, Zaragoz, Lokomotiv Leipzig, Fram Reykjavik, Lech Poznan, Aarhus, CFKA Sredets Sofia and finally — in Berne last May — Sampdoria. Manager Cruyff has passed his mid-terms exams but has yet to sit his finals.

The other examination which Cruyff has definitely not passed is his coaching test. He refuses point blank to study for his badge insisting that his playing career offers more than ample guarantees of footballing knowledge. His attitude sparked off controversy on his arrival at Barcelona 15 months ago, with the Spanish Coaches Association initially refusing to accept the Dutchman and finally relenting when Barcelona made it obvious that, whatever their decision, Cruyff would continue to coach the team.

Even though Johan had never won a league title as a manager (his Ajax finished six and eight points adrift of PSV) his arrival generated excitement at the Nou Camp via the charisma and idol-status he had acquired during five years as a Barcelona player. What's more he promised thrilling, attacking football and implanted a system capable of providing it.

The Cup-winners' Cup trimph and a hot, if fruitless, pursuit of Real Madrid in the league were enough to sweeten the pill for the Catalan fans last season but, due to his eccentric brand of management, Cruyff's spell has shown alarming signs of wearing off and after just one game of the league season rumours of his imminent dismissal were burgeoning with the name of Luis Aragones — the coach who replaced Terry Venables after four games of the 1987-88 campaign — at the forefront.

Cruyff's methods were publicly questioned by players, coaches and media last season.

Manager

Striker Carrasco left for French club Sochaux saying: "I never had personal problems with Cruff. I just didn't share any of his ideas. He wants static players in fixed positions. Eleven identical players who do exactly what he tells them and nothing else. In other words, as a manager he demands something that he would never have accepted as a player. He's a dictator and he tells you that if you don't carry out his instructions to the last dot and comma, you're out of the team."

Neither was it lost on the media that Cruyff blamed poor performances on the players rather than own up to tactical errors of the shortcomings of his playing system.

"Cruyff's system is a catastrophe," says Atletico Madrid boss Javier Clemente. "The man is a third division coach. His methods just aren't first division standard, and he gets by because he's bought an awful lot of quality players."

Having spent £15 million in one year, Cruyff is now under pressure to produce the goods. But even during the pre-season doubts were growing about the validity of a system based on a three-man defence and a goalkeeper obliged to act as sweeper. Cruyff fields two attacking full-backs (nos. 2 and 5) and a stopper (3). In front of the stopper a 'pivot' (4) has the job of distributing the ball to the flanks. Further forward, two midfielders (8 and 10) operate as attacking wing-halves, supporting two out-and-out wingers (7 and 11) while the central striker (9) is aided and abetted by a deeper-lying striker (6).

The £4.5 million close-season signings of Ronald Koeman and Michael Laudrup were, according to Cruff, "the missing pieces of the jigsaw" and president Joseph Lluis Nunez proudly announced "this is the best team we've had in my ten years of mandate"; 54 goals in six pre-season games in Holland fuelled even more euphoria, but the 16-game programme drawn up by Cruyff (I prefer playing matches to training" he argues) fizzled out dramatically with defeats by Fortuna Dusseldorf, Sochaux (who knocked Barcelona into third place in their own Gamper tournament) and finally by two second division sides Figueras and Palamos.

In the meantime, the players — despite Cruyff's iron-handed ruling on comments to the media — were muttering about "not knowing our roles on the pitch" and after the defeat in Figueras the situation had degenerated to the extent that Cruyff called a dresssing-room meeting to clear the air.

A two-hour session ended with Barcelona training without lights at 9pm and Cruyff insisting that the meeting had been a positive exchange of views and that once the league proper go under way, things would be all right on the night. He also insisted that the jeers directed by the fans at Ronald Koeman during his home debut were very much out of order.

The players hinted that the top priority was to improve positional play in a defence which, with both full-backs free to push forward, was often caught severely understaffed.

But before the opening fixture in Valladolid, Cruyff showed he had lost none of his ability to surprise. Last season his switching of Gary Lineker to the right wing was the most publicised example of his obsession with fielding players out of position and in Nueva Zorilla he carried on where he had left off.

Result

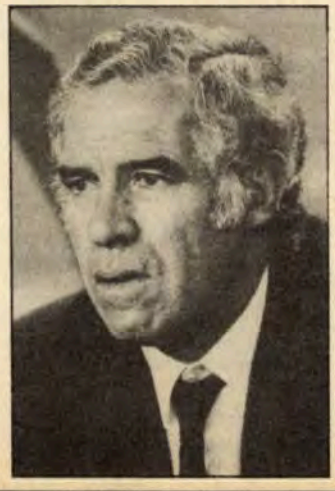
Koeman, signed for £3.5 million to wear the no. 4 shirt was switched to right-side midfield, a role he hadn't played during the 16 pre-season games. Laudrup, who had alternated between 6 and 9, was abruptly consigned to the right-wing. With Barcelona already 2-0 down, he took off top-scorer Salinas and switched international stopper Serna from right-back to centre-forward, sending on international midfielder Eusebio as right back.

But the indignation at a result which had the Barcelona board tentatively reaching for the panic button was centred on Cruyff's decision to turn his back on the £15 million worth of purchases and field a 19-year-old unknown in midfield.

Jesus Heredia, known as Lucendo, had made only one appearance for Barcelona's third team during the whole of last season and had taken no part in the pre-season training camp. His only contacts with the first team were when he was called in as emergency reinforcement for the friendlies in Figueras and Palamos.

Lucendo, suffering from a groin strain, needed special permission to travel to Valladolid as he is doing his military service. And his inclusion in the team was a slap in the face for Barcelona's highly-priced and high-paid superstars.

The Barcelona board, aghast at the loss of two potentially-crucial points, has asked Cruyff to justify his decisions and has demanded a more orthodox approach if he wishes to retain his job. All this after one game! One wonders if it's a case of starting as you mean to carry on . . .



Striker Carrasco (left) and Luis Aragones. . . causing a few rumours.

WEST GERMANY by ARTHUR ROTMIL

The match against Republic of Ireland . . . 'futile exercise'.

Rehearsal hitch for Beckenbauer

A substantially weakened and largely experimental West Ger man national side held the Republic of Ireland to a 1-1 draw in Dublin.

The game was intended as a rehearsal for the remaining World Cup qualifying ties against Finald and Wales, but in the circumstances it was not exactly what the national team chief Franz Beckenbauer would have wanted.

Many experts, including some club managers, condemned the expedition to Ireland as a futile exercise. Only four first choice players were available since the five foreign "mercenaries", strikes Rudi Voller and Jurgen Klinsmann, midfielders Andy Brehme, and Lothar Matthaus, plus defender Thomas Berthold were not released by their Italian clubs who had a league round on the programme, while stopper Jurgen Kohler and striker Karlheinz Riedle, as well as Fran Mill, dropped out through injury.

It is a sad fact that in 53 internationals in charge Beckenbauer has not been able to field the same side in two consecutive matches!

This time he opted for a Bayern Munich block: Keeper Raimond Aumann, Stefan Reuter, Hans Pflugler and Klaus Augenthaler as substitute defenders, midfielders Hansi Dorfner and Olaf Thon, plus striker Roland Wohlfarth provided the back bone from Beckenbauer's own former club.

Level

Interesting to note that Augenthaler the sweeper played for the first time since the Mexico World Cup three years ago; Wohlfarth appeared in his second international after a break of almost three years, whilsst the sub Alois Reinhardt 28 (Liverkusen) also played his second match. Aumann won his first call up, as did Uwe Bein 28 (Frankfurt) both as subs.

Beckenbauer was guarded in his assessment of the level of performance individually, or collectively. The Irish unbeaten at home in 15 internationals in 3-1/2 years provided his "B"-side with a stiff test. Perhaps the German team boss found at least some satisfaction in being able to try out so many old/new candidates.

It is significant that Bayern furnished so many players for they are, after all, still the best team in the Bundesliga and they led the table after eight matches. Earlier, Eintracht Frankfurt surprisingly topped the field and were unbeaten after six games until they crashed at Kaiserslautern. Subsequently they lost to Bayern for the second time this season.

First came a cup deafeat on their own ground and then they were dethroned as league pacemakers also in their own Waldstadion. These were "Historic" results, for Bayern had not won in Frankfurt for 19 years. Eintracht's earlier successes this season were all the more remarkable since last term the club only just avoided relegation. In fact they had to play-off against the Second Division third-placed Saarbrucken and were fortunate to get through on aggregate (2-0,1-2) from home and away maches.

Team manager Jorg Berger, 44, is a "defector" from East Germany where

Franz Beckenbauer

he played for Kokomotive Leipzig. He became youth coach with the club and later with Carl Zeiss Jena, Chemie Halle, the national junior team and the B-side. Following his arrival he managed in West Germany Darmstadt 98, SSV Ulm, Fortuna Dusseldorf, Hessen Kassel, Hanover and SC Freiburg. He took over in Frankfurt in December 1988.

For this season Frankfurt disposed of eight players and engaged six new ones and promoted two amateurs to professional ranks. The best signing was that of midfielder Uwe Bein who gained his first cap v. Ireland at the rather late age of 28. The skilful organiser and schemer began his career with TSV Lengers, then moved to VfB Heringen, Kickers Offenbach, Koln and Hamburger SV. Before this season he played 150 Bundesliga games scoring 53 goals.

Another arrival Ralf Falkenmayer (26) capped four times, was with Frankfurt before, but left for Leverkusen. He was once rated one of the finest prospects in midfield, but this career didn't take off as expected.

Other teams which have impressed so far are Nurnberg and Fortuna Dusseldorf. Nurnberg, who were nine times champions between 1920 and 1968, received rave notices following their 2-0 win over Borussia Monchengladbach. Local experts claim that Nurnberg have been underestimated because they've so often struggled to stay up. The club have lost some of their best players, notably to Bavarian neighbours Bayern Munich. Grahammer, Dorfner, Reuter and Schwabl are the most recent examples.

Promoted

Of the present squad the best are striker Christian Hausmann (25) who joined recently from Leverkusen, team captain and defender Thomas Brunner, 27, a local find and reserve keeper Kurt Kowarz, 21, who is now regarded as "best stand-in" in the Bundesliga.

Dusseldorf, newly promoted, have their stars in midfielder Michael Schutz, 22, a local talent for whom a marvellous future is prophesised. But the man who must take most credit is team manager Aleksandar Ristic, a widely travelled Yugoslav. He built a team in which eight players are between 20 and 23 years of age! With these youngsters he intends to surprise even the big guns in the Bundesliga.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA by Bob Vaughan

Top clubs out of luck

AFTER three league matches none of the 16 top flight clubs had a 100 per cent record.

Slovan, the Cup-winners' Cup representatives, began their second season back in the First Division with two wins but could only draw at home to Sparta in front of 20,000.

Both international'keeper Stejskal and his youthful opposite number, Schmucker, the son of a 1960s Olympic squad keeper, had their work cut out and the best crowd for seasons had to be content with a goalless draw.

Equal top with Slovan are Sparta, narrow winners over Streda the previous week, Banik, who followed a draw in Brno with wins at home to promoted Pov. Bystrica and across town in Vitkovice and the apparently reborn Bohemians who narrowly avoided the drop last spring.

The Vrsovice 'Greens' put Zbrojovka in their place in Brno a week after the Moravians had surprised UEFA participants Plastika in Nitra. Perhaps all this means a more open championship title race than in recent Sparta dominated seasons.

Poor Dukla will only be involved if form greatly improves. A home draw in front of a lamentably low gate, 1,244, who saw equally modest Trnava go in to an early lead through Solar, has so far yielded the only point from six and has left the army side at the foot of the 'tabulka.'

Better news for soccer in the Czech lands is the good early season start made by demoted Hradec Kralove. A 5-1 away thrashing of Poldi Kladno augurs well for a possibly swift return from Division Two, the Czech National League.

BELGIUM from IAIN MACLEOD

NEW SEASON BEGINS IN STYLE

INTERNATIONAL success, the legacy which former national team coach Guy Thys inherited on Belgian football has been a notable feature of the early weeks of the new season. A place in next year's World Cup finals now seems assured.

Belgium played two international matches in the first three weeks of the new campaign and emerged in good heart after resounding 3-0 victories in both.

Denmark were the visitors on August 23, when the Olympiapark in Brugge staged a friendly match which finally saw the demise of a revered long-standing record: Paul van Himst's 81 appearances for the Diables Rouges.

Van Himst, perhaps the greatest player Belgium has produced, and certainly its first major international star, dominated the nation's game between 1960 and 1974. Three years after his final game in Belgian colours, Jan Ceulemans made his international debut in a 2-0 home defeat against The Netherlands.

Belgium at that time were among the also-rans of European football. But Thys was to transform the nation's fortunes by utilising many of the youngsters who had played in the successful youth side of the mid-1970s. Ceulemans was to become as great a servant as van Himst.

Ceulemans played a prominent part in the transformation which occurred in the following decade. Belgium finished 2nd in the 1980 European Championships and 4th in the 1986 World Cup. Ceulemans is the monument to Belgium's success.

"I was never obsessed with the record," he said. "I have always said that the dream might remain forever as a dream if I had broken my leg. But I'm proud of what I have achieved."

Ceulemans celebrated his achievement by playing a prominent part in a 3-0 victory that augured well for the demanding World Cup ties ahead. A fortnight later, Portugal, desperately in need of World Cup points came to Brussels for the first real test of the new regime run by former stalwart, Walter Meeuws.

Belgium wanted to consolidate their position at the top of the table and knew that defeating the Portugeuse would make the remainder of the section, more an exercise for the second qualifying place than anything else. Portugal, with another three away matches to come had to win.

But, in front of 35,000 in the Heizel stadium, Belgium further enhanced the prospect of a trip to Italy by scoring three without reply, and open out a three-point gap on Czechoslovakia who have a game in hand.

Ceulemans, in his 83rd international started the rout in the 35th minute, after which time the bewildered Portuguese struggled to maintain any order.

Certain

The new Anderlecht strike force of Vanderlinden and Degryse performed with distinction, and when the former increased the lead in the 58th minute, the points were all but assured. Vanderlinden added to his tally eleven minutes later to bring Belgium's points total to 10 from six matches.

With a goal difference of +10 and a home fixture against Luxembourg to come after the visit to Switzerland on October 11, Belgium are almost certain to be in the World Cup draw in Rome on December 9, when they will be one of the six seeded teams.

On the domestic front the battle for supremacy between the two Dutchmen in charge of the nation's top clubs, Ruud Krol at champions Mechelen, and Aad de Mos at cup holders Anderlecht, has begun in predictable fashion.

Krol, one of the greatest defenders of the post-war era has little pedigree as a coach and his appointment as successor to the vastly experienced de Mos was greeted with surprise in most quarters.

But if the spotlight is once again on the rejuvenated Anderlecht, Krol soon took some of the limelight when Mechelen travelled to Barcelona to participate in one of the most famous pre-season competitions in the world — the Juan Gamper trophy.

This was another indication of the club's new-found respectability and Mechelen did not disappoint. The merit of such a tournament has to be assessed with some caution. None the less, Mechelen's triumph augured well for the campaign to come.

Emmers and Ohana gave them a cushion against the Brazilians of Porto Alegre, before Deferm put through his own net seven minutes before half-time.

Mechelen did not panic, however, and held the Brazilians at bay throughout most of the second-half, though victory was assured only when de Wilde scored a third in the 76th minute.

Mechelen's opponent in the final was the French club, Sochaux, who had surprisingly beaten the hosts 2-1 in the other semi-final.

All the action that mattered occurred throughout an eventful first-half. Mechelen's resolve was tested almost immediately; after only seven minutes, Tihy gave Sochaux the lead, only to find the Belgians stung into action. The lead was short-lived and Versavel equalised four minutes later and as the 65,000 crowd became engrossed in the match, De Wilde's strike two minutes before the interval was to prove the decisive moment. Krol had won his first trophy.

But the acid test of Mechelen's aspirations came when the domestic season began with a home match against La Gantoise. Two goals from Bosman in the first 35 minutes offered much comfort to the faithful.

When Severeyns extended the lead seven minutes after half-time the only sour note at the final whistle was the news from Parc Astrid: Anderlecht, in

Jan Ceulemans

Marc De Grijse

EAST GERMANY from BOB VAUGHA

SHOCK FOR DRESDEN

THE optimism of the opening day on which BFC took the 'Sportecho' Supercup by defeating Dynamo Dresden 4-1 in Cottbus' remodelled 'Stadium of Friendship' has been partly evaporated by the showing of the national team in its first friendly of the season.

With Manfred Zapf back in his office at the DFV after a brief interlude as national team manager, Eduard Geyer was in charge for the encounter with the Bulgarians in Erfurt, the 'Flower City' of the GDR.

There was, however, not a new bloom in sight as Bulgaria, also in need of signs of improvement and in even direr World Cup qualifying straits than the East Germans, took the initiative in front of a mere 8,000 spectators in the Georgi-Dimitroff-Stadion.

Despite Bulgarian superiority Kirsten gave the hosts the lead on a quarter of an hour only for Jordanov to equalise 13 minutes later, from a 20 yard free kick.

Three minutes before the end of an uninspiring match Jordanov and Doschner, another of the Dresden Dynamoes in the GDR team, were both shown the red card.

Where the national team goes next remains to be seen. To date the 'Club DDR' has not recorded a win in 1989 and one wonders what options are open to Geyer. Three goals in five World Cup qualifying ties say it all.

Whether the Dresden players can cope with regular Oberliga, Trade Union Cup, European Cup and International duty throughout a season looks doubtful.

Strain

Dynamo showed what they are made of in reaching the UEFA-Cup semi-finals for the first time in 1989 but the strain may become apparent as when the USSR planned for club and country to be represented by the same squad or nearly.

"Footballer of the Year" is Andreas Trautmann, needless to say of Dynamo Dresden and the national team, the third player from 'Florence on the Elbe' to be so honoured, after Hans-Juergen Kreische and Hans-Juergen Doerner.

The 30-year-old Dresden born player was presented with the Silver Shoe before the first home Oberliga game of the season against HFC Chemie which Dynamo won 2-0.

This year's result is surprising in some respects. 'Traudl', as the winner is known, was an important member of the Dresden squad. On the other hand, some of his best footballing years

front of 20,000 people, had thrashed Waregem 6-0.

Vanderlinden scored twice, his partner Degryse got one as did Jankovic, Koolman and Grun — Anderlecht in the most emphatic fashion had given notice of their intent.

Three days later, a different picture emerged. While Mechelen emerged from their visit to newly-promoted Ekeren with a hard-fought win, courtesy of an 86th minute goal from Emmers, Anderlecht were faced with a difficult match at Antwerp.

Nilis and Vanderlinden twice put the visitors ahead only to find Antwerp as resilient as they had been last season. If Anderlecht had thoughts of another two points, the reality was to emerge 18 minutes from the end when Curcic gave the port club a well deserved point.

Defeat

The first round of the Belgian Cup saw Mechelen, Anderlecht and Brugge experience no problems, though Antwerp's single goal, home defeat to Hoeselt did nothing for their confidence — shortly afterwards Cercle Brugge beat them 2-0 in the third round of the championship.

Anderlecht overcame the resilience of RC Mechelen — the town's poor relations — when Degryse got the vital winner after 15 minutes to establish the Brussels club in second place.

But after all the murmourings of the summer, it soon became evident that the champions have no thought of relinquishing their title without a fight.

SOVIET UNION from BOB VAUGHAN

Victor Chanov . . . saved penalty

TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE

WITH Moscow Dynamo, Dnepr and Tbilisi in the United Kingdom playing friendlies — Spartak had significant and unusual visitors in the Soviet capital for a friendly.

To mark the resumption of commercial, cultural and sporting links with South Korea — something which could hardly have been imagined a year or two ago — Spartak played a South Korean XI, virtually the latter's national side and a diplomatic 2-2 draw resulted.

With South Korean business in hectic discussion with Moscow ministries has come talk that the Seoul firm Daewoo may become the sponsor of an Elite Division club!

Also of interest for sentimental rather than commercial reasons was the festival staged by Dynamo in Moscow to mark the 60th birthday of legendary goalkeeper, Lev Yashin.

Despite the rain 60,000 spectators turned up for the occasion and a match between Dynamo's Veterans and an International 'Oldies' XI containing luminaries such as Charlton, Eusebio, Beckenbauer and Rummenigge. The 2-2 draw was followed by the Younger Dynamo Veteran defeating another International Selection 2-0.

Two postponed matches, from the 21st round of the championship saw Kiev snatch a point from a goalless draw in Kharkov thanks to Chanov's penalty save. The Dynamo first choice is back to the form he showed before his lapse in Glasgow three years ago which seemed to have put an end to a career in the Kiev side and the 'Sbornaja'. Now he is back and carrying on in the league where he left off at the Wembley tournament.

In the other delayed match Torpedo went down at home to Zalgiris. The Lithuanians took the points by way of an opportunist goal by the blond Gintaras Kvitkauskas, another of the Vilna club's promising prospects. The win put the 'Greens' in to second place.

On the international front a friendly draw with Poland in Lubin provided the preparation for the World Cup qualifier with the Austrians in the Prater. That, too, was drawn but, despite the lack of punch, and Herr Hickersberger's squad being delighted with a point in front of a full house, there is little danger to Soviet chances in a group which Lobanovski & Co have had tied up almost from the start.

POLAND from BOB VAUGHAN

Slow start for Ruch

DESPITE setbacks of various sorts Ruch ended the first month of the new campaign at the top of the league with seven points and one more goal than either Bydgoszcz or Kalowice, also with three victories and a defeat each.

Ruch have had to play three games on neutal grounds but even so the 0-3 loss to Katowice in Wloclaw was a shock after three consecutive victories.

Manager Wladyslaw Zmuda, Katowice's chief, had done his homework and two of his midfielders stood on leading goalscorer Robert Warzycha's toes. He had an ineffective match while Katowice's Morcinek scored from a four minute penalty, Duchowski and, in the second half, Grzesik got through the Ruch defence to give their Silesian rivals the points.

Also in a state of shock are Gornik with a sole win, at home to Olimpia Poznan — despite parading their purchases from Bytom, Lissek and Cygan — and Lech, beaten at home by Bydgoszcz.

Shadow

Mid-table Bialystok have signed another Lithuanian from Zalgiris Vilna, Kvilunas, but his debut saw only a home draw with Wroclaw. Slask's Prusik had given the visitors the lead but at least it was the new man who obtained the equaliser to keep Jagiellonia in seventh spot.

Casting a shadow over soccer in Poland have been two deaths in car accidents. On September 1 the former international star, Kazimierz Deyna, crashed in to a lorry parked on a road outside San Diego.

Wladyslaw Zmnda

ROMANIA

DINAMO HIT FORM

THE pre-season Dinamo tournament was won by the hosts who defeated Bari 2-1 in the final. Dinamo's Lupu received the player of the competition award.

With the championship beginning later than elsewhere there was time to play a friendly warm up game, with Portugal, in Setubal. A goalless draw resulted.

A second with Czechoslovakia in Nitra may or may not be helpful in planning for the two games with Denmark whose win in Bulgaria has changed the complexion of World Cup Group One.

The Rumainians could have done with some Bulkan help but now that Sepp Piontek's team have also put it over on the Greeks, to the tune of 7-1, Rumainia cannot afford to slip up in Copenhagen. A draw there and a home win in the last game is what must be aimed at though two draws could also do.

Meanwhile the domestic championship got underway with Steaua losing their first game in three years, going down 3-0 to Dinamo.

The two faces of English football . . .

By DERICK ALLSOP

TWO FACES of English football have confronted the authorities with another potential dilemma.

England's 0-0 draw with Sweden in Stockholm has almost certainly secured a place at next summer's World Cup finals in Italy. Only a freakish combination of results, including a hefty defeat for England in Poland, can now keep Bobby Robson's squad away from soccer's greatest festival.

English determination was portrayed that night in the Swedish capital by Terry Butcher, given the captaincy in place of the injured Bryan Robson. For an hour Butcher played on with blood pouring from a head wound, refusing to leave his post. At the end his face, shirt and shorts provided scarlet evidence of his courage.

There was, however, another face, an all-too-familiar face, in evidence, too. The hooligans had made the passage across the North Sea, causing or at least involving themselves in more mayhem.

Arrested

Drunken mobs brought violence to the streets of the city and police, anxious to avoid more trouble at the stadium, decided to allow in English fans by payment at the turnstiles. There were more clashes after the match and scores of Swedes, as well as English, were arrested. England supporters claimed, often with justification, that they were provoked by the locals.

But the fact is that trouble and English football fans are constant companions and there is concern in Government circles that there may be more conflict in the cities of Italy. Sports Minister Colin Moynihan, after consulting a 'horrified' Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, called on the FA to scrap a friendly international against Holland in Rotterdam at the end of the year.

Bobby Robson raised rather more eyebrows with his declaration that Butcher deserved a Victoria Cross for his display against the Swedes. "His performance was the bravest I've seen," said the England manager.

His remarks inevitably brought a flood of complaints from War veterans and Robson, accepting his blunder, openly apologised — "Almost immediately I made the remark I knew I had made an error," he admitted.

"Terry Butcher had just played an heroic game and I wanted to convey my admiration. It was never my intention to compare his deed with that of brave soldiers fighting for their kith and kin. It was an inappropriate phrase."

Butcher sustained two gashes yet assured Robson at every inquiry — and there were many — that he was willing and able to go on. As Robson stressed, his performance was not only courageous but also technically outstanding.

The entire back four played effectively and with considerable authority. Des Walker's one, extraordinary lapse of concentration might have cost his side the match, but Peter Shilton was alert enough to smother the danger. The Derby goalkeeper made another excellent save in the first half and demonstrated why, at the age of 40, he remains the country's No. 1.

Victory would have flattered the Swedes and, with more assured finishing, England would have had victory as well as a flawless defensive record at the top of World Cup qualifying Group Two. Gary Lineker struggled in vain to find that old cutting edge and Chris Waddle created an opening for himself only to pull his shot into the side-netting.

Possibly more costly to England — and certainly to Manchester United — was the injury to midfield player Neil Webb, who was carried off 16 minutes from the end of the international.

Within hours of his return from Sweden, Webb was having surgery on a partially ruptured achilles tendon. He could be out of the game for up to six months. Webb has played only four matches for United since his £1.5m transfer from Nottingham Forest and manager Alex Ferguson said: "This is the worst blow I have ever experienced."

United, without Webb and Robson, went down 3-2 at Everton the following Saturday, their third defeat in five First Division matches. It left them fifth from bottom of the table.

It had all been so different on the opening day of the season. United hammered Arsenal, the champions, 4-1 at Old Trafford. Webb marked his debut with a brilliant goal. Even before the kick-off a United newcomer was exhibiting his skills. This debutant hadn't been bought by the club, however. He had bought the club.

Michael Knighton paid Martin Edwards £10m for his controlling share in United and introduced himself to the supporters as a chairman eager for a place in the limelight. His hopes of a successful playing career were ended by injury, but he has clearly retained his ball control. Knighton has, naturally, promised to make United great again and fund further stadium improvements, mainly at the famous but unsightly Stretford End.

Edwards, who stays on as chief executive and vice-chairman, said: "With my hand on my heart, I have done this in the very best interests of the club. If I had been interested in personal fortune alone I would have been in some tax haven by now."

Within days of Knighton's arrival, Ferguson paid a Middlesbrough record transfer fee of £2.3 million to sign

Michael Knighton

Bloody and defiant ... Terry Butcher in Sweden

JUNIORS LAST I

By MARI

THE UEFA Under-21 Championship is at a crucial stage of the qualifying phase. Over the next two months the eight quarter-finalists will be determined from the original 30-team entry.

The European Under-21 Championship was originally conceived for under 23s. But that didn't last long and Yugoslavia were the first winners of the rearranged Under-21 Championship beating East Germany 5-4 on aggregate in 1976.

East Germany made the Final four years later but were again beaten. The Soviet Union were the new holders winning 1-0 on aggregate. Despite the bright start for East Germany the expected rise of the senior team failed to materialise.

England, under Dave Sexton, won the next two tournaments in 1982 and 1984 respectively. The 1982 team, featuring Terry Fenwick, Sammy Lee and Mike Duxbury, defeated West Germany 5-4 in the Final. England's successful 1984 under-21 team, who beat Spain

Stapleton's record bid

By SEAN CREEDON

LIAM BRADY'S decision to retire from international football has overshadowed Frank Stapleton's success at equalling Don Givens's Irish Republic goalscoring record. Stapleton hit his 19th goal against West Germany at Lansdowne Road when he seized on a slack pass and beat Bodo Illgner.

Stapleton looked sharp against West Germany and now seems certain to become the Republic's most capped player. He won his 70th cap against West Germany, while Liam Brady's 35 minute outing was his 71st in the green jersey. So, two records on the horizon for the Blackburn striker, who scored on his international debut against Turkey in Ankara 13 years ago this month.

The Republic will be happy with any goalscorer when Northern Ireland visit Lansdowne Road on October 11. In their three previous meetsing Republic have failed to score. In fact in 270 minutes of 'All-Ireland' football only one goal has been scored by Gerry Armstrong at Windsor Park in November 1979.

Arrested

The fourth meeting of the 'Two Ireland' will kick-off at one o'clock on the advice of the local police. Only a few hundred stand tickers have gone north of the border and no trouble is expected.

The FAI say they intend to go ahead with their proposed friendly against England at Lansdowne Road on March 28 next year. If the countries are drawn together in the World Cup, this tie could be postponed. The game, if it goes ahead, could prove to be a major headache for the Irish police.

T-shirts carrying pictures of the Irish team which beat England in Stuttgart last year are still selling well in Ireland and most fans want to see a re-match, but at which price?

On the domestic front Jack Charlton gave hope to one League of Ireland player, Alan O'Neill. The Dundalk goalkeepr was called into the squad for the West German game when neither Gerry Peyton or Kelham O'Hanlon could make it to Dublin.

Frank Stapleton

Gordon Durie heads Scotland's only goal against Yugoslavia

NO PASS MARKS YET FOR SCOTLAND

By ALEX GORDON

SCOTLAND occupied the Mastermind chair in Yugoslavia last month and emerged as World Cup dunces.

That seems a bit harsh when you consider Andy Roxburgh's outfit were a mere 45 minutes away from clinching their precious place in next summer's extravaganza in Italy, but, sadly, it is an accurate summing-up.

Uncannily, Scotland have the annoying and frustrating habit of shooting themselves in the foot while clubbing themselves over the head at the same time. If there is an easy way of doing things then we have yet to discover to take that route.

Defence

Questions were asked of the squad that travelled to Zagreb. There was a mountain of problems by the time they returned home. Too many players, putting it mildly, have peaked at the same time. Captain Roy Aitken was slammed for his performance and I've got to say he has had happier occasions.

If Gary Gillespie continues playing football for another 100 years he will still never be a right-back. God only knows what Roxburgh was thinking about playing the Liverpool man so obviously out of position. I'm not being wise after the event. Only 10 minutes of the game had gone before I made that observation and I have witnesses to prove it.

I thought Roxburgh might have some grand plan to play three in the middle of the defence with Steve Nicol pulled back to occupy the right-back's berth. If that was the ploy it failed lamentably.

How ironic that neither Gillespie nor Nicol had scored in Roxburgh's three-year reign as Scotland manager. Well, not for Scotland, anyway. Nicol's own goal was inexcusable . . . the folly of someone who had taken up football only that afternoon.

The experienced Liverpool player, who rarely sets the heather on fire while performing for his nation, scored his goal with all the venom of a world-class striker, sending his header streaking past the nervous Jim Leighton. Why was he facing his own goal at a dead-ball situation, anyway? Even a mediocre defender knows he must get his angles right and at the very least Nicol should have met the ball while facing across his penalty area. Knocking the ball away isn't such an acrobatic feat if you can get the basics right.

Instead he came roaring in behind the Yugoslav attackers, homing in like a forward, and Leighton was agog as the ball rocketed into the net for one of the stupidest own goals in the history of the World Cup.

And what about the first goal? What on earth was Leighton thinking of at that moment? His timing was utterly lamentable while coming for a high ball and the Slav nonchalantly nodded the ball into the empty net.

Number three? Another nightmare. Gillespie deflected an attempted left-wing cross and it glided ever-so-slowly past the static Leighton at the near post. It must be readily admitted that the goalkeeper was wrong-footed, but it must also be swiftly pointed out that the ball was in the air for quite a while before it soared past him. I've seen good goalkeepers change direction given a lot less time.

That was the sixth goal Leighton had lost in three away ties and you do not win World Cups with such a record. Yet it looked such a different picture in the first-half.

Ally McCoist 'scored' after a knockdown by Gillespie and there was clearly nothing wrong with the goal. Gillespie did not foul anyone when he went for the free-kick and there was no way McCoist was offside when he slammed the ball into the net. It was one of those incidents that pass away from home in World Cup-ties.

McCoist magnificently set up the opener for Gordon Durie with a lightning turn and change of pace to gather the ball, get to the line and sweep over an enticing cross that Durie just couldn't pass up.

The little Chelsea striker could have become the Scottish hero of the evening when he got the opportunity to score No. 2 just before the interval, but he made a mess of a perfect through ball. He should have attacked the ball, but instead hesitated and allowed the charging 'keeper to block the effort with his feet. It really should have been a goal.

BOTAFOGO ARE NO DRAW IN CARDIFF

By MARK WEST

ONLY 2,603 turned up for Cardiff's prestigious friendly against the Rio State Champions Botofogo. The match, sanctioned by the Football Association of Wales, was not considered the most apt of warm up games by then City boss, Frank Burrows, just before leaving for Portsmouth.

Burrows said: "I wouldn't have picked them as pre-season opponents". He went on to observe the contrasting styles of the Brazilian side with Cardiff's opening Football League opponents, Bolton Wanderers. A more suitable opponent for the task ahead was what Cardiff needed.

Botofogo proved the better side and recorded a deserving, comprehensive 3-0 victory. Cardiff, who will be looking to escape the Third Division this season, were left wiser for the experience but one doubts whether they will apply any lesssons in the physicality of the lower echelons of the Football League.

The Welsh Cup got under way on September 2. The 1989-90 competition attracted 99 entrants including eight English sides. Eveven teams, among them the 1987 winners Merthy Tydfil, were exempt until the second round while a further six — Barry Town, Cardiff City, Hereford United, Kidderminster Harriers, Swansea City and Wrexham — had byes until the third round.

DIARY

WORLD SOCCER'S GLOBAL NEW

OBITUARY

KAZIMIERZ DEYNA . . . died in a road accident near San Diego, California. Deyna was one of the finest midfielders of the 1970s. He led Poland to triumph in the 1972 Munich Olympics and then to third place in the 1974 World Cup. Deyna played 102 times for Poland and played almost all his club football for the army team, Legia Warsaw. He had a short spell with Manchester City before ending his career in the United States.

GAETANO SCIREA . . . died in a road accident a the town of Babsk, between Warsaw and Katowice while on a spying mission for Juventus. Scirea began as an inside forward with Atalanta then earned his reputation as one of the world's top sweepers in the late 1970s and 1980s with Juventus. Scirea played 78 times for Italy, ten times as captain, and was a key member of the 1982 World Cup-winning side. With Juventus he became one of only a handful of players to win every available club honour: domestic championship (seven times) and cup (twice), World Club Cup, European Champions' Cup, Cup-winners' Cup, UEFA Cup and Supercup. After retiring 18 months ago he was appointed to the Juventus coaching staff and was in Poland to check on UEFA Cup rivals Gornik Zabrze. The car in which he was travelling collided head-on with a van and burst into flames. Scirea, his Polish driver and a woman interpreter, were all killed.

ROBERT KORNER . . . one of Austria's finest forwards in the early 1950s, died in Vienna aged 65.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

FRANCE: Bordeaux coach Raymond Goethals says Belgian midfielder Enzo Scifo will be released to join Auxerre. But Jesper Olsen denies reports that he is to sign for Nottingham Forest.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

FRANCE: Monaco are held 1-1 by Caen. Glenn Hoddle scores what looks being the Monaco winner until Dewilder snatches a last-minute equaliser. Bordeaux stay top after a Piet Den Boer goal provides a 1-0 win over Lille.

HOLLAND: The season opens with ID card chaos. Den Haag officials say they will not implement the scheme for the visit of Ajax (who win 4-0) and in Utrecht police order the admission of hundreds of card-less Feyenoord fans after dozens try to storm a gate. A police spokesman says: "The threat was so serious that we had to let commonsense prevail. We doubt whether this can be made to work." Marseille and Nice draw 1-1. Papin scores for Marseille and two players are sent off.

WEST GERMANY: Kaiserslautern thrash Karslruhe 5-1 to stay top, after three, rounds, on goal difference ahead of Frankfurt and Stuttgart.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

ACTION: Brazil retain their place at the top of their World Cup group despite dropping a point in a rugged 1-1 draw against Chile in Santiago. Colombian referee Jose Diaz sends off Ormeno and Romario and books seven other players. In the African sections there are victories for Ivory Coast (5-0 v Zimbabwe), Cameroon (2-1 v Gabon) and Zaire (1-0 v Zambia). El Salvador were held goalless by Trinidad and Tobago in the CONCACAF section. In an international tournament in Los Angeles, Mexico beat Juventus 3-2 in the final; Botafogo of Brazil beat Plymouth 3-0 in an international friendly at Home Park; and Verona beat Genoa 2-1 in the final of the Verona tournament.

AUSTRIA: A shock in the old Vienna derby, with FK Austria beaten 4-1 at home by Hans Krankl's new-look Rapid.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

HOLLAND: Local council officials in Sittard order Fortuna to postpone their forthcoming match against Utrecht in the wake of confusion over the new ID cards.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

ENGLAND: Barclays Bank sign a three-year extension of their Football League sponsorship deal. The £7million agreement begins with the 1990-91 season.

FRANCE: Monaco decide that Glenn Hoddle must have a knee operation to sort out a problem which has been nagging him. He will be out for a month but is expected to be back just in time for the Cup-winners' Cup tie against Belenenses.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

ACTION: France surprise Sweden by winning 4-2 in Malmo.

BELGIUM: Mechelen easily beat Gent 3-0; Anderlecht put six past Waregem.

HOLLAND: Ajax turn on the style again for new boss Leo Beenhakker, this time beating Vitesse Arnhem 5-2. Feyenoord are held 1-1 at home by Volendam.

POLAND: GKS Katowice beat Jagiellonia Bialystok 3-0 to stay ahead of Zaglebie Lubin on goal difference.

WEST GERMANY: Kaiserslautern are toppled from the top of the table as they crash 4-1 to Koln.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

VENEZUELA: National boss Carlos Moreno says his team will go all-out to attack Brazil in Sunday's World Cup qualifier. Moreno adds: "If we play defensively we will lose 5-0 so we might as well try to score some goals ourselves."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

ARGENTINA: Diego Maradona cancels a reservation on a Naples-bound flight from Buenos Aires.

ENGLAND: Property dealer Michael Knighton claims agreement with Martin Edwards to buy control of Manchester United for £20million.

HOLLAND: The Dutch football and security authorities announce the abandoning of the ID card scheme. Home Office spokesman Willem Egels says: "In its current form, it is unenforceable. The matter will remain under review for an indefinite period.

SWITZERAND: FIFA order Chile to play their home World Cup tie against Venezuela on neutral territory after events at the match with Brazil. Chile's Raul Ormeno and Brazil's Romario are banned for one match and Chile coach Orlando Aravena and Brazil's masseur, Abilio Jose da Silva, are barred from the touchline . . . UEFA, announcing the new coefficient for the selection of teams in the 1990-91 UEFA Cup, says that Italy, Spain and West Germany will all have a right to four teams. England, the Soviet Union and Scotland all lose a place. England are thus down to one entrant — if the clubs are allowed back.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

FRANCE: Bordeaux sneak a 1-0 win over Saint-Etienne with another Den Boer goal to stay top, two points clear of Marseille and Paris SG.

SWITZERLAND: Xamax Neuchatel beat struggling Lausanne 1-0 to stay two points clear of Sion. St Gallen win 3-0 away to Wettingen, all their goals coming from Chileans. Ivan Zamorano scores two with the other coming from ex-Bologna striker Hugo Rubio.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich take an impressive opening step on the cup road by defeating reviving Eintracht 1-0 in Frankfurt in a first round tie.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifiers, Bolivia beat Peru 2-1, Colombia beat Ecuador 2-0 and Brazil thump Venezuela 6-0 with four goals from Careca. To the north, Trinidad and Tobago win 1-0 in Guatemala thanks to a 57th-minute effort from Kerry Jamerson . . . Fluminense beat Napoli 1-0 in the final of the Avellino tournament. Napoli are without World Cup men Alemao and Careca as well as holidaying Maradona.

AUSTRALIA: Adelaide City beat Sydney Olympic 2-0 in the league cup final thanks to goals from Steve Maxwell and Aurelio Vidmar.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Slovan beat Slavia 2-0 and head Vitkovice and Sparta on goal difference. All three have taken a maximum four points from the opening two rounds of the league season.

GREEK: The new season gets under way with first round cup-ties. The league will not start until September 17 to allow time for the reorganisation of increasing the first division to 18 clubs to provide extra finance from two more home fixtures per club.

HOLLAND: Hooligan trouble at Feyenoord where hundreds of stone-throwing fans tear down fences and invade the pitch eight minutes from the end of the game, with Feyenoord losing 2-0 to Fortuna Suttard. Coach Pim Verbeek says he intends to resign "because this is unacceptable." PSV start their season, two rounds later than anyone else because of foreign commitments, with a 4-3 win at Willem II. New man Flemming Povlsen and Wim Kieft each score twice. Ajax go down 2-1 at home to Sparta.

ITALY: Jurgen Klinsmann delights his new Inter fans by scoring in his fourth consecutive match — this one a 4-2 friendly victory over Torpedo Moscow . . . Napoli officials say they intend to begin disciplinary action against Maradona for his continued absence in Argentina . . . hooligan trouble in Vicenza where seven fans are arrested after clashes between rival supporters at a friendly between Vicenza and Padua. Five policemen are injured by missiles while escoring Padua fans back to the railway station. Cars and shop windows are damaged.

PORTUGAL: The new season gets under way without Benfica, who are abroad. Porto beat Nacional 2-0 to go immediately top of the one-round table. Sporting hit back from being twice behind to beat Guimaraes 3-2. Douglas grabs a last-minute winner.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

ARGENTINA: Guillermo Coppola, Maradona's agent, says that the Argentine captain will send Napoli an explanation for his continued absence. Worried Argentina manager Carlos Bilardo says: "This does us no good, particularly bearing in mind the fact that we are due to play two of our first-round World Cup-ties in Naples next year."

DENMARK: OB striker Lars Elstrup joins Luton for £600,000. Raphael Meade moves from Luton to OB in part-exchange.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

BRAZIL: Several Rio de Janeiro hotels say they will not provide accommodation for the Chilean World Cup party after events at the 1-1 draw in Santiago nine days earlier.

ITALY: Federation president Antonio Matarrese says that Diego Maradona risks not being able to play in the World Cup finals if he does not resolve his problems with Napoli in time for the new league season. Maradona, in Argentina, says he needs safety guarantees from Napoli before he returns because he is afraid of harassment by fans and afraid for the safety of his girlfriend and daughters. Maradona is reported currently on a fishing trip, 500 miles north of Buenos Aires.

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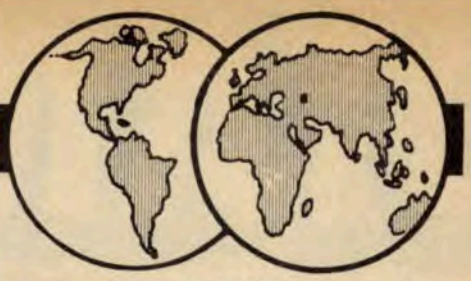

WEST GERMANY: St Pauli's new Czechoslovak international, Jan Kocian, sores in the 73rd minute against Homburg. But St Pauli are pegged back by a late goal from Thomas Gerstner. Other results include a goalless draw between Borussia Monchengladbach amd Werder Bremen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifiers, Austria beat Iceland 2-1 in Salzburg. In friendly action, Belgium beat Denmark 3-0 thanks to a two goals from veteran Jan Ceulemans in his 82nd international — a record for Belgium, overtaking that of Paul Van Himst. Belgium win despite the absences of the Mechelen players, tied down by commitments abroad. Finland and Yugoslavia draw 2-2 in Kuopio; Poland and Soviet Union draw 1-1 in Lubin . . . in the UEFA Cup preliminary round, second leg, Auxerre run up a remarkable 3-1 win away to Dinamo Zagreb which takes them into the first round proper by 3-2 on aggregate.

HOLLAND: New week's league game between PSV and Groningen has been called off because of worries about hooliganism.

ITALY: Naples police deny any truth in Maradona's claims that he is threatened by the local mafia-style organisation, the Camorra. Napoli geneal manager Luciano Moggi says: "In my opinion Maradona has no need to fear coming back to Naples. So we will just go on waiting for him." From France, Marseille general manager Jean-Pierre Bernes says his club are no longer interested in Maradona. Bernes says: "We do not want to hear any more about it."

SWITZERLAND: FIFA reject Chile's appeal against their suspension of the Estadio Nacional in Santiago indefinitely. Chile wanted to play their forthcoming World Cup-tie against Venezuela on a ground of their own though not the Nacional.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

ARGENTINA: Claudia Villafane, Maradona's girlfriend, says in Buenos Aires that he is now returning from his fishing trip to Corrientes but has yet to decide when he will fly back to Italy. Aerolineas Argentina say there is a booking on Maradona's name on Saturday.

HOLLAND: Kerkrade town authorities ban weekend home games between Roda and the five clubs with a high-risk hooligan reputation — Ajax, PSV, Feyenoord, Utrecht and Den Haag. Kerkrade town spokesmen say that midweek dates will be more suitable because fewer fans are able to travel.

SCOTLAND: Chelsea defender Steve Clarke, out of international contact for 18 months, is recalled for Scotland's squad preparing for the World Cup qualifier in Yugoslavia.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

ACTION: Algeria beat Ivory Coast 1-0 to top group A in the World Cup African zone and qualify for a last round play-off.

GREECE: Hooligan trouble already: 45 people are hurt in clashes between fans after 65 minutes of a friendly in the Athens Olympic stadium between AEK and Olympiakos. Sporadic fighting follows each goal until, at 2-2, the police go into action and are, in turn, set on by both sets of fans. The police respond with tear gas and referee Kolokythas abandons the game. Destruction includes thousands of plastic seats, three police cruisers, two police motorcycles and dozens of private cars — four of them belonging to Olympiakos players. Amazingly, there are no arrests. AEK's Yugoslav coach, Dusan Bajevic, says: "Crowd violence has killed Greek football. The championship should be delayed and the game here totally reorganised."

ITALY: A top-level meeting of senior politicians, policemen and football officials agree that a long-term plan should be agreed to turn all Italy's major football stadia into all-seater arenas to help combat hooliganism. The Interior Ministry confirms that 10,000 policemen will be on nationwide duty on Sunday for the opening of the new league season . . . Ruud Gullit will miss the start of the season because of a recurrence of the knee trouble which led to a cartilage operation last April

PORTUGAL: National boss Juca names an 18-man squad for the World Cup qualifier against Belgium. Futre (Porto), Rui Barros (Juventus) and Sobrinho (Racing Paris) are all included. Squad: Silvino Louro, Adelino Barros; Joao Pinto, Pedro Venancio, Miguel Marques, Antonio Sobrinho, Frederico Rosa, Antonio Veloso, Antonio Fonseca, Jorge Ferreira; Antonio Andre, Jaime Magalhaes, Vitor Paneira, Carlos Xavier; Paolo Futre, Rui Aguas, Cesar Brito, Rui Barros.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

ACTION: In the World Cup African qualifiers Egypt beat Kenya 2-0 to top their group and qualify for a finals place play-off against Algeria. Malawi and Liberia draw 0-0, also in Group B.

FRANCE: Leaders Bordeaux suffer their first defeat of the season, going down 1-0 at Caen, for whom Fabrice Divert scores a second-half winner.

ITALY: Milan officials now say Ruud Gullit will be out for at least six weeks and almost certainly more because of ligament damage to the right knee. Doctors will then re-examine the knee and decide whether a third operation in five months is necessary . . . Napoli are told by Maradona's agent, Guillermo Coppola, that Maradona finally intends to return to Naples the following Monday or Tuesday.

WEST GERMANY: Eintracht Frankfurt score twice in the last three minutes to beat Uerdingen 2-1 and go clear top, two points ahead of Bayern Munich, who lose 1-0 away to Waldhof Mannheim.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifiers, Uruguay beat Peru 2-0 and Chile thrash Venezuela 5-0 on neutral territory in Mendoza, west Argentina. Juan Carlos Letelier scores a hat-trick for Chile. But it's a bad day for Chile's top referee, Hernan Silva. He has to be rescued by police from angry Colombian players after awarding against them the last-minute penalty with which hosts Paraguay win their game 2-1. In the African zone, Cameroon beat arch rivals Nigeria 1-0 to qualify for the final round play-offs against Tunisia, who beat Zambia 1-0. In other results Gabon beat Angola 1-0, and Morocco are held 1-1 at home by Zaire.

HOLLAND: Ajax bounce back with a 5-0 thrashing of MVV. Ronald De Boer, one of Ajax's bright new boys, scores a hat-trick. PSV welcome back fit-again Ivan Nielsen and Hans Van Breukelen.

ITALY: More bad news for Milan as Marco Van Basten is ruled out for three weeks by tendinitis . . . the league gets under way with Milan crushing Cesena 3-0

PUERTO RICO: The International Olympic Committee, meeting in San Juan, agree reluctantly to accept FIFA's insistence that the 1992 Olympic football tournament shall be open only to under-23 players.

PORTUGAL: Champions Benfice return to league action but only for a 1-1 draw against Guimaraes.

SWITZERLAND: St Gall lose 2-1 at Bellinzona and have Chileans Hugo Rubio and Patricio Mardones sent off.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

FRANCE: Michel Platini makes one change, from the squad for the victory in Sweden, for the party for the Norway match. The change is the replacement of the young Gilles Rousset as No 2 goalkeeper instead of experience Bruno Martini.

ITALY: FIFA World Cup committee chairman Hermann Neuberger, at the end of a tour of inspection of the 1990 World Cup venues, advises prospective World Cup hosts to book now for a visit. Neuberger says: "If they come to Italy they will realise the complexity of the work and the problems they would face. I think that many would withdraw."

SWEDEN: National boss Olle Nordin names his squad for the World Cup qualifeir againsrt England. The one surprise is the absence of Stefan Rehn, which manager Nordin attributes to "the fact that he has not played one first-team game since his transfer during the summer."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

FRANCE: Bordeaux return to their best form, with a 3-0 win over Brest.

SPAIN: Real Madrid delight their fans with a 2-0 victory over Liverpool in the Trofeo Bernabeu challenge match.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

ARGENTINA: Diego Maradona gets on a plane bound for Europe from Buenos Aires — then storms off after finding that there is no first-class place alongside him for his adviser, Guillermo Coppola.

UNITED STATES: Kazimierz Deyna, former Poland Olympic and World Cup star, is killed in a car accident near San Diego. Deyna, who was 41, had played 104 times for Poland. He spent most of his club career with Legia Warsaw, had a short spell in England with Manchester City then wound his career down n the United States.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

FRANCE: Marseille president Bernard Tapie says he would pay Maradona £2million a year to sign — but expects Maradona to play, at least up untiul the World Cup, in Italy with Napoli. Tapie says: "What we could pay Maradona would be strictly zero in comparison with what Maradona would bring in for Marseille."

SPAIN: Barcelona made a disstrous at Barcelona but don't understand the angles.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

ACTION: In the World Cup South American section, Bolivia pull off a major upset by defeating Uruguay 2-1 in La Paz. Colombia and Ecuador draw 0-0. But the major action is in Rio de Janeiro where Chile walk off the pitch against Brazil, claiming that goalkeeper Roberto Rojas has been felled by a signal flare fired out of the crowd. The score s 1-0 at the time, in the 65th minute. Later Chile say they will claim the match; Brazilian officials say Rojas faked injury . . . in North and Central America, Trinidad and Tobago beat Guatemala 2-1 in Port of Spain . . . Al Ahly of Egypt win 3-1 away tp Yomiuri of Japan in the first leg of the Asia-Africa Club Final.

ARGENTINA: At last, Diego Maradona gets on an Aerolineas Argentina flight for Europe.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Dukla lose 3-1 away to Slavia and slump to the bottom of th first division.

HOLLAND: Bad day for the big clubs: Ajax lose 2-1 away to Twente, PSV are held 1-1 at home by Den Bosch and Feyenoord lose 2-1 away to Vitesse Arnhem.

ITALY: A freak own goal by defender Paolo Maldini brings to an end Mlan's 30-match unbeaten run since last January. They lose 1-0 to Lazio.

POLAND: Gaetano Scirea, former Italian World Cup-winner and captain and sweper of Juventus, is killed in a car crash while travelling between Katowice and Warsaw. Scirea, 36, was on a scouting mission for Juve, with whom he was now assistant coach. Scirea's driver and woman interpreter also die after their car bursts into flames after crashing head-on into a van.

SPAIN: Michel and Hugo Sanchez score the goals as Real Madrid open the season with a 2-0 win over Gijon. But there are jeers for coach John Toshack in the second half.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

BELGIUM: New manager Walter Meeuws springs a couple of surprises in his tean to face Portugal on World Cup duty. There is no place in the team for Enzo Scifo, though he may play as substitute. Also there is no place for Nico Broechaert, who made

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an impressive debut previously against Denmark.

ITALY: Maradona arrives back in Italy via Spain. He says he wants an immediate meeting with Napoli president Corrado Ferlaino "to straighten things out." Maradona adds: "I want to know why things got out of hand just because I arrived back only a couple of weeks late. My welcome back has been great. The people seem to understand me better than the newspapers."

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

ACTION: Norway and France draw 1-1 in the World Cup in Oslo. In friendly matches, Czechoslovakia beat Rumania 2-0 and Poland beat Greece 3-0 . . . in the European under-21 tournament Sweden beat England 1-0, the Soviet Union beat Austria 2-0, Iceland thrash Finland 4-0, Yugoslavia beat Scotland 4-1 and Belgium and Portugal draw 1-1.

BRAZIL: FIFA delegate Agustin Dominguez says in an interview reported in Rio that Chile had no reason to abandon their controversial World Cup-tie against Brazil. Dominguez is quoted as saying: "I and FUFA observer Rocca Couture of Uruguay of Uruguay gave the Chilean delegation our personal assurances of their safety. But they refused to consider it. As for security in the Maracana, on a scale of 0 to 10 I would give it 10. There was nothing more the officials at the stadium could have done. Also, I do not believe the flare struck Rojas. I'm still trying to work out how he was cut." Argentine match referee Juan Carlos Loustau says: "I did not see the flare land so I cannot say whether it hit Rojas or not. The Chilean players took him off the pitch themselves without asking for a stretcher. I did not see any blood on his face but that may well have been because there were so many people around him. I have to say that I, as referee, did not abandon the match. The match was only suspended by the FIFA officials when the Chile team failed to play on." Rio coroner's official Talvane de Moraes says: "The cut on Rojas's face was not caused by the flare, I'm sure, but by a razor blade or small knife." Rojas angrily refutes charges of faking the incident, saying: "It's a joke to think we made this up. I'm the victim not the accused." His Brazilian club, Sao Paolo, announce that Rojas is to be transfer-listed. The Brazilian confederation announces that FIFA have told them an inquiry will be held in Zurich on Sunday.

ITALY: Maradona has a joyful reunion with his team-mates and new Napoli coach Alberto Bigon. Maradona says: "I've always continued to believe in my team-mates. They, not Maradona, are the real strength of Napoli."

SWEDEN: Five England hooligan fans are arrested for brawling in Stockholm on the eve of the World Cup tie between Sweden and England. Three are later released, two are held by police. Concern is mounting about match security after drunken brawling on a ferry bringing England fans and from which one fan fell and drowned in unexplained circumstances on the crossing.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

ACTION: A major night of World Cup activity in Europe with victories for East Germany (3-0 v Iceland), Finland (1-0 v Wales), Yugoslavia (3-1 v Scotland), Hungary (2-1 v Northern Ireland) and Belgium (3-0 v Portugal) and goalless draws between Sweden and England as well as between Austria and the Soviet Union . . . in friendly matches, Holland and Denmark draw 2-2 and the Irish Republic and West Germany draw 1-1.

ITALY: Maradona and Napoli president Corrado Ferlaino hold a clear-the-air meeting. Maradona explains he was angry about Italian press comment on his private life; Ferlaino formally attacks a newspaper report linking Maradona with the Camorra. Maradona says he will be available to work with coach Bigon immediately but it might take him up to one month to recover full match fitness . . . without Maradona, Napoli draw 0-0 away to Cesena in a rare midweek round of the Italian league. Juventus, with Sasha Zavarov again in outstanding form, beat Fiorentina 3-1 with goals from new boys Pierluigi Casiraghi and Salvatore Schillaci as well as Angelo Alessio.

REP.IRELAND: After the 1-1 draw against West Germany, Liam Brady announces hs retirement from international football. Brady was substituted after only 35 minutes of the match.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

ENGLAND: The Government, upset and embarrassed by further hooligan trouble among fans in Sweden, asks the FA to cancel the December friendly against Holland. The FA agrees, to general, though not unanimous, approval. All hooligans arrested in Stockholm are returned by the Swedish authorities without being charged.

FRANCE: Michel Platini causes a sensation with an interview in L'Equipe, the Paris sports daily, in which he says that "all trainers are useless." Platini, commenting on France's 1-1 draw with Norway, says: "It makes me sick just watching from the bench. I cannot be with the players. There is nothing I can do to help them. I am 150 per cent involved but completely useless. It's a terrible feeling. You know, in six months as national manager I have learned more than in 15 years as a player. A lot of important people make fine noises about the national team but they don't really give a damn. In the middle of it all I feel very alone."

ITALY: Ruud Gullit reportedly tells friends he will not be playing again for at least four months because of a lack of improvement in his injured right knee . . . Napoli say that a civil law suit for damages against Maradona will be withdrawn only when the Argentine proves he has "mended his ways." President Corrado Ferlaino says: "I told Maradona he is the greatest player in the world but, precisely because of this, his responsibilities are greater than those of other players and he should be more professional about fulfilling them . . . the World Cup organisers announce that the Rome press centre will be named in memory of Gaetano Scirea.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

FRANCE: Claude Bez, the Bordeaux president who arranged for Michel Platini to become national manager, says now he should be dismissed "because he has shown he does not understand the difference between being a player and a manager. Platini is dangerous for French soccer. He is as bad a coach as he was good as a player. Our failures are partly due to Platini's tactical errors. When France were in front in Yugoslavia, he sent on a striker as substitute; in Scotland he made Papin take corners when he is one of our best headers of a ball. I no longer think Platini can be useful in this role — despite what I thought in the past." . . . Bordeaux transfer-list Danish winger Jesper Olsen.

ITALY: Milan deny claims that Gullit will be out for four months and claim he is still expected back in action in October . . . Milan president Silvio Berlusconi is 'let off' with a warning about future remarks, by the federation. Berlusconi had criticised the new anti-hooligan plans . . . some 15,000 fans and soccer leaders from all over Italy attend Gaetano Scirea's funeral in Turin.

SWEDEN: Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson says Sweden is still looking forward to hosting the 1992 European championship finals despite the hooligan troubles surrounding England's World Cup visit. But Swedish police are not so sure. One spokesman says: "It would be madness to invest so much police resources in the European football finals when manpower shortages already make it hard for us to cope with our routine duties."

SWITZERLAND: UEFA general secretary Gerd Aigner says English clubs cannot return to European competition until the government takes formal steps to prevent convicted hooligans from travelling to games abroad.

WEST GERMANY: Borussia Moenchengladbach beat Fortuna Dusseldorf 3-1 in an advanced league match.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

ACTION: Bahrain beat the United Arab Emirates 3-2 to reach the semi-finals of the Palestine Cup youth tournament in Iraq.

FRANCE: Two more goals from Klaus Allofs bring Bordeaux a 2-0 win in Toulon and keep them two points clear at the top of the league. Metz duo Bernard Zenior and Eric Black both miss penalties in a goalless draw with Nice.

HOLLAND: Justice Minister Frederik Korthals-Altes says Dutch authorities are thinking through new measures to deal with hooliganism after the failure of the ID card scheme.

SIERRA LEONE: Joseph Leigh. a police inspector, is killed and six fans are injured in a crowd stampede to enter the Siaka Stevens stadium in Freetown for the African Champions' Cup quarter-final between Mighty Blackpool and Cameroon's Tonnerre Yaounde. Tonnerre win 1-0.

SPAIN: Barcelona cool their fans' concern with a 4-0 home victory over Osasuna. Coach Johan Cruyff reverts from a three-man to a four-man defence with Ronald Koeman — who also scores from a penalty — looking much more at home. Real Madrid are held goalless away to Castellon amid mutterings from the players that some are not happy with John Toshack's tactical changes which see Bernd Schuster moved to sweeper.

THE MONTH AHEAD: OCTOBER

* = World Cup qualifier
U = European under-21 chp

1.10.89	Ecuador v Paraguay*
3.10.89	U:West Germany v Finland
4.10.89	West Germany v Finland*
4.10.89	U:San Marino v Italy
5.10.89	U:Czechoslovakia v Portugal
6.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Portugal*
7.10.89	U:Sweden v Albania
8.10.89	Guatemala v United States*
8.10.89	Sweden v Albania*
9.10.89	U:Luxembourg v Portugal
10.10.89	U:Holland v Iceland
10.10.89	U:Poland v England
10.10.89	U:Denmark v Rumania
10.10.89	U:Bulgaria v Greece
10.10.89	U:Yugoslavia v Norway
10.10.89	U:France v Scotland
10.10.89	U:Hungary v Spain
11.10.89	Bulgariav Greece*
11.10.89	Denmark v Rumania*
11.10.89	Wales v Holland*
11.10.89	Yugoslavia v Norway*
11.10.89	France v Scotland*
11.10.89	Luxembourg v Portugal*
11.10.89	Switzerland v Belgium*
11.10.89	Poland v England*
11.10.89	Hungary v Spain*
11.10.89	Rep.Ireland v Northern Ireland*
12.10.89	United Arab Emirates v North Korea*
12.10.89	China v Saudi Arabia*
13.10.89	South Korea v Qatar*
14.10.89	Italy v Brazil/1
16.10.89	Qatar v S Arabia*
16.10.89	South Korea v North Korea*
17.10.89	China v UAE*
18.10.89	C1-2-3 2/1
20.10.89	China v S Korea*
20.10.89	N Korea v Qatar*
21.10.89	S Arabia v UAE*
24.10.89	UAE v Qatar*
24.10.89	N Korea v China*
24.10.89	U:Turkey v Austria
24.10.89	U:Poland v Sweden
24.10.89	U:East Germany v Soviet Union
24.10.89	U:Belgium v Luxembourg
25.10.89	S Arabia v S Korea*
25.10.89	East Germany v Soviet Union*
25.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Switzerland*
25.10.89	Belgium v Luxembourg*
25.10.89	Turkey v Austria*
25.10.89	Poland v Sweden*
25.10.89	U:Italy v Switzerland
25.10.89	U:West Germany v Iceland
28.10.89	Cyprus v Yugoslavia*
28.10.89	UAE v S Korea*
28.10.89	S Arabia v N Korea*
28.10.89	Qatar v China*

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INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

TUESDAY, JULY 25

Arica — intl friendly
Chile 2 (Tudor, Aravena)
Peru 1 (Reinoso)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,500. **Ref:** Oscar Ortube (Bol)

Chile: Rojas — Gonzalez (Contreras), Astengo, Puebla, Reyes, Tudor, Hisis, Pizarro, Aravena, Covarrubias, Letelier (Ramirez).

Peru: Purruzaga — Carranza, Olaechea, Requena, Olivares, Valencia (Bazalar), Del Solar, Reinoso, Manassero, Navarro, Hirano.

Peru's 'Brazilian-style' attacking style put Chile in difficulties early on and only goalkeeper Rojas's outstanding form kept the hosts in the game. Chile took the lead against the run of play through Lucas Tudor just before half-time. Peru tired in the second half, Aravena increased Chile's lead and Reinoso scored a Peruvian consolation only shortly before the end.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

Port of Spain — WC CONCACAF qual
Trinidad and Tobago 2 (Lewis 60, 61)
El Salvador 0
HT: 0-0.

El Salvador had the better of the first half but Trinidad dominated the second when Leonson Lewis delivered a double KO with two goals inside a minute.

Caracas — WC SA gp 3
Venezuela 0
Brazil 4 (Branco 5, Romario 65, Bebeto 79, 81)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Ortube (Bol)

Venezuela: Baena — Pacheco, Morovic, Acosta, Betancourt, Cavallo, Rivas, Anor (Carrero), Maldonaldo, Febles (Arreaza), Fernandez.

Brazil: Taffarel — Mazinho, Ricardo, Mauro Galvao, Aldair, Branco (Josimar), Dunga, Bebeto, Valdo, Romario, Careca (Silas).

Brazil took a fifth-minute lead and were in control all the way even though they led only 1-0 at the inteval. After the break Venezuela became a little more adventurous and left the Brazilians enough space to destroy them.

Tlemcen — friendly
Algeria 1 (Adgigh 83)
Qatar 1 (Mansour Muftah 87)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Montevideo — friendly
Uruguay 0
Colombia 0
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Ernesto Filippi (Uru)

Uruguay: E Pereyra — Herrera, Gutierrez, De Leon, Dominguez, Correia, Ostolaza, R Pereyra (Castro), Alzamendi, Paz, Sosa.

Colombia: Higuita — W Perez, Perea, Escobar, Villa, Alvarez, Redin (Fajardo), Valderrama, R Perez, Galeano, Hernandez (Uzurriaga).

An even match was charaterised by the close-marking tactics of both defences as they prepared for the World Cup qualifiers.

Caracas — WC SA gp 3
Venezuela 1 (Fernandez 65)
Chile 3 (Aravena 5, 34, Zamorano 71)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Carlos Montalban (Per)

Venezuela: Baena — Paz, Acosta, Betancourt (Anor), Cavallo, Febles (Fernandez), Maldonaldo, Rivas, Torres, Carrero, Gallardo.

Chile: Rojas — Hisis. Gonzalez, Astengo, Puebla, Pizarro, Ormeno, Aravena, Basay (Zamorano), Rubio, Yanez.

Chile dominated the first half with Yanez and Aravena outstanding and missed chances to have scored many more goals. Venezuela tried their hard at attacking in the second half but without ever threaening to narrow the scoreline.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Cairo — WC Africa Gp B
Egypt 1 (Abdel Rassoul 28)
Malawi 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 100,000. **Ref:** Mohammed (Somalia)

Egypt: Shoubeir — I Hassan, Hanyramzy, Saber Eid, Yasser Faroukh — Kas, Abder Rassoul, Badr Ragab, Soliman (Qassem 88) — H Hassan, Hamid (Abou Zeid 63).

Malawi: D Gondwe — Chirwa, Nyikongo, Chimodzi, Manwalli — K Malunga, C Gondwe, Lungu, H Malunga — Waya, Kayira.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Santiago — WC SA gp 3
Chile 1 (Basay 91)
Brazil 1 (Gonzalez og 63)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 65,000. **Ref:** Jesus Diaz (Col)

Chile: Rojas — Hisis. Gonzalez, Astengo, Puebla, Pizarro, Ormeno, Aravena., Zamorano (Letelier 87), Rubio (Basay 58), Yanez.

Brazil: Taffarel — Mazinho (Andre Cruz 77), Mauro Galvao, Aldair, Ricardo, Dunga, Branco (Jorginho 9), Silas, Valdo, Romario, Bebeto.

This was a rough match which resulted in Chile's infamous Estadio Nacional being closed indefinitely by FIFA. Brazil's Romario was sent off for punching an opponent after only two minutes. Chile's Ormeno followed him 11 minutes later for a late tackle. Both coaches were also sent off for running onto the pitch to protest in turn. Both goals had an element of luck. Brazil went ahead when an Astengo clearance ricocheted into the Chile goal off Gonzalez. Chile equalised through substitute Basay after a free kick awarded against goalkeeper Taffarel for taking too many steps. Yanez was a danger to Brazil in the first half. But in the second Dunga, Silas and Valdo got a grip in midfield. Puebla was Chile's best defender. Four Chileans and three Brazilians were also shown the yellow card and referee Diaz had to add on 12 minutes of overtime for 'injuries' and other time-wasting. Hence confusion over whether Basay scored in the 83rd minute, according to some reports, or the 91st, according to others.

Tegucigalpa — WC CONCACAF qual
El Salvador 0
Trinidad and Tobago 0
Att: 10,000.

El Salvador: Abrego — Carcamo, Ulloa, Portillo, Baltazar, Palacios, Rivas, Rivera, Corea, Rodriguez, Rugama.

Trinidad: Williams — M Maurice, Jones, Faustin, C Maurice, lewis. Latapy, Rossel, Jamerson, Charles, Yorke.

Both teams played a timid first half on neutral ground as El Salvador had been banned from the national stadium in San Salvador. There were few real chances in the game.

Abidjan — WC Africa gp A
Ivory Coast 5 (Ben Salah 30, 47, Akenon 71 pen, Amani Yao 81, Sekou Bamba 89)
Zimbabwe 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Jassef (Zam)
**Kdaward and Angira (both Zimbabwe) sent off, both 71min.*

Yaounde — WC Africa gp C
Cameroon 2 (Kana Biyick 32, Mbouh 38)
Gabon 1 (Minko 78)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Sarr (Mauritius)

Cameroon: Nkono — Tataw, Onana, Kunde, Ebwelle — Tchakounang, Kana Biyik (Ewane 88), Mfede, Mbouh — Belle (Djomo 46), Djonkep.

Gabon: Mendome — Angoue, Kassa, Ngoma, Da Costa, Remboudou (Molouma 46), Ondeno, Nminko, Bongo, Nzamba, J Minko, Mandroui (Nkwele 46).

Casablanca — WC Africa gp D
Morocco 0
Tunisia 0
Att: 35,000. **Ref:** Diramba (Gabon)

Morocco: Zaki — Tijani, Fadel, Hsina, Mustapha — El Rhandour (Kiddi), Fadil, Timoumi, El Ghorf — Laghrissi (Moumaris), Nader.

Tunisia: Bourchada — Ben Naj, Hichri, ben Yaha, Mhaddebi — Mahjoubi, Selimi, Maloul — Limam, Hergal, Tarek.

Morocco, second-round reachers in Mexico in 1986, needed to win this match to stand any hope of qualifying for the finals in Italy. That they failed to do so days much for the defensive discipline instilled in the Tunisians by their Polish coach, Antoni Piechniczek.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Malmo — intl friendly
Sweden 2 (Thern 5, Lindqvist 63)
France 4 (Cantona 57, 87, Papin 61, 63)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 16,619. **Ref:** Zvi Sharir (Isr)

Sweden: Ravelli — R Nilsson, Hysen, P Larsson, Ljung — Limpar (N Larsson 68), Stromberg, Thern, J Nilsson — Hellstrom, Magnusson (Lindqvist 53).

France: Bats — Amoros, Le Roux, Sauzee, Di Meco — Ferreri (Blanc 70), Deschamps, Pardo — Perez, Papin, Cantona.

France surprisingly won an entertaining match — but only after a thunderstorm had held up the match for seven minutes early in the second half. At the time France were still one-down to a Thern goal after an early free kick was needlessly given away by Le Roux. Four minutes after the storm delay Eric Cantona shoots France level after Ravelli only parries a shot from Perez. Papin shoots France ahead — again thanks to Perez — before Lindqvist pulls Swewden back on terms following another mistake by poor Le Roux. Joakim Nilsson centres, sauzee deflects the ball against his own post and Lindqvist follows in to score. To the disappointment of Sweden boss Olle Nordin France win the game in the last seven minutes. First Papin converts a return cross from Cantona then Cantona scores himself after a Blanc counter-attack catches the Swedish defence wide open.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Barranquilla — WC SA gp 2
Colombia 2 (Iguaran 32, 72)
Ecuador 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Arppi Filho (Brz)

Colombia: Higuita — Wilson Perez, Escobar, Perea, Villa, Ricardo Perez, Alvarez, Redin, C Valderrama, Uzurriaga (Hernandez 55), Iguaran (Luis Fajardo 80).

Ecuador: Morales — Izquierdo, Quinonez, Macias, Capurro, Kleber Fajardo, Aguinaga, Rosero, Cuvi (Marsetti 77), Aviles, Benitez (Tenorio 57).

Arnoldo Iguaran, at 32 the veteran of the Colombian team, stood out and scored both goals with headers — following a corner and then following a free kick — both times laid on by Wilson Perez. For his pains he had to go off injured ten minutes from time. Ecuador had the better of the first half but Colombia dominated the second and blotted out the Ecuador danger man, Aguinaga, without too much trouble.

La Paz — WC SA gp 1
Bolivia 2 (Melgar 44 pen, Ramallo 53)
Peru 1 (Del Solar 43)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Armando Perez (Col)

Bolivia: Galarza — Fontana, Martinez, Perez, Soria, Borja, Melgar, Takeo (Sanchez 46), Romero, Pena (Roca 75), Ramallo.

Peru: Purizaga — Olivares (Manassero 46), Olaechea, Requena, Carranza, Suarez, Reinoso, Del Solar, Valencia, Navarro (Rey Munoz 46), Hirano.

Bolivia missed a penalty — Purizaga saved from Roberto Reinoso — and were 1-0 down close to half-time. Deservedly they recovered to win afte controlling most of the action with a 3-5-2 formation. Peru pressed a little more in the first half than in the second with speedy winger Hirano dangerous. Melgar's penalty equaliser was taken after the first half had formally ended because of lengthy protests by the Peruvians. Excellent midfield play by Romero and Sanchez saw Bolivia well on top in the second half.

Sao Paulo — WC SA gp 3
Brazil 6 (Careca 9, 16, 78. 86, Silas 37, Acosta og 38)
Venezuela 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 106,000. **Ref:** Fillipi (Uru)

Brazil: Taffarel — Ricardo II, Mauro Galvao, Ricardo I, Jorginho, Silas, Dunga (Alemao 65), Valdo (Tita 68), Branco. Careca, Bebeto.

Venezuela: Baena — Torres, Acosta, Paz, Pacheco, Rivas, Caballo, Carrero, Maldonaldo, Gallardo (Febles 71), Ariaza (Marazona 63).

Brazil completely dominated the first half and could have scored more than four goals. Only the fine form of Venezuela keeper Baena kept the storm down. Fortunately for him Brazil eased up in the second half. Napoli striker Careca was in devastating mood up front.

Guatemala City — WC CONCACAF qual
Guatemala 0
Trinidad and Tobago 1 (Jamerson 57)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,000.

Guatemala: Perez — Davila, Wellman, Monzon, Rivera, Ortega, Ceballos, Chacon, Castaneda, Sanchez, Perez (Donis).

Trinidad: Williams — C Morris, C Maurice, Francis, Chardes (Yorke), Latapy, Lewis. James, Alby (M Morris), Jamerson, Faustin.

Guatemala squandered some early chances and a draw might have been a fairer result.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Erfurt — friendly
East Germany 1 (Kirsten 15)
Bulgaria 1 (Yordanov 27)

HT: 1-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Porumboio (Por)

E.Germany: Heyne — Kreer, Stahmann, Lindner, Doschner, Reis, Steinmann (Bosch 68), Sammer, Kirsten (Doll 73), Ernst, Thom.

Bulgaria: Valov — Gimchev (G.Georgiev 46), Ivanov, Vasev, Bankov, Dochev, E.Kostadinov (Mikhtarski 59), Stoichkov (Simeonov 75), G.Petkov (N.Todorov 84), Yordanov, Balakov.

A disappointing game ended in a deserving draw but provided few positive signs for new East German boss Eduard Geyer.

Salzburg — WC qual gp 3
Austria 2 (Pfeifenberger 47, Zsak 62)
Iceland 1 (Margeirsson 48)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Mikkelsen (Den)

Austria: Lindenberger — Weber, Russ, Pecl (Streiter 30), Pfeffer, Linzmaier, Zsak, Herzog (Hortnagl 59), Rodax, Pfeiffenberger, A Ogris.

Iceland: Sigurdsson — Bergsson, Saevar Jonsson, August Mar Jonsson, Gislasson, O Thordarsson, Margeirsson (O Torfasson 80), Arnthorsson (Kristinsson 70), Sigurdur Jonsson, G Torfasson, Gretarsson.

Austria pushed up into second place in the group with this victory. Heimo Pfeiffenberger put them ahead just after half-time with an angled shot from a Linzmaier pass. Ragnar Margeirsson produced a surprise equaliser one minute later after intercepting a poor clearance. Austria hit back for Manfred Zsak to strike the winner with a 20-yard drive which skidded through Sigurdsson's hands.

Brugge — intl friendly
Belgium 3 (Degryse 22, Ceulemans 32, 81)
Denmark 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Bakker (Hol)

Belgium: Bodart (De Wilde 46) — Grun, Broeckaert, Franky Van der Elst, De Wolf, Houben, Demol (Staelens 62), Boffin (Borkelmans 80), Degryse, Van der Linden, Ceulemans (Nilis 83).

Denmark: Schmeichel — Rison, H Larsen, L Olsen, J Larsen, Andersen, Helt, Jensen (Bent Christensen 76), Frimann, Elstrup (Rasmussen 81), Flemming Christensen (Vilfort 76).

Belgian skipper Jan Ceulemans celebrated his record 82nd international by scoring two match-winning goals. He also laid on the opening goal for Marc Degryse in a match which saw an experimental look about both teams. New Belgium boss Walter Meeuws was without the Mechelen contingent, playing in a tournament in Barcelona. Before the game Ceulemans was presented with a formal 82nd cap — with 82 embroidered stars — by Paul Van Himst, who held the previous record of 81 appearances.

Kuopio — intl friendly
Filand 2 (Tarkkio 1, Ukkonen 27)
Yugoslavia 2 (Pancev 11, Savicevic 51)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 6,386. **Ref:** Lundgren (Swe)

Finland: Huttunen — Holmgren, Europaeus, Heikkinen, Lahtinen — Ikalainen, Myyry, Tornvall, Tarkkio (Jaervinen 84), Ukkonen — Lipponen (Lius 84).

Yugoslavia: Omerovic — Stanojkovic, Vulic, Juric (Vujacic 66), Spasic — Brnovic, Prosinecki (Mijatovic 46), Pancev, Stojkovic — Savicevic, Marovic (Petric 66).

Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh was among the crowd to see World Cup rivals Yugoslavia hit back for a draw. Yuoslavia were without their exported players and owed their draw to a fine goal from their best player, Dejan Savicevic — back on duty after national service.

Lubin — intl friendly
Poland 1 (Wdowczyk 60)
Soviet Union 1 (Kiryakov 30)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 30,119. **Ref:** Ben Itzhak (Isr)

Poland: Bako — Kaczmarek, Budka, Wdowczyk — R Warzycha, Nawrocki, Ziober, Prusik (Czachowski 46), Urban (Godlewski 81) — Kosecki (Soczynski 25), K Warzycha.

Sov Union: Chanov (Kharin 46) — Kechvili (Konchelski 89), Fokin (Kiryakov 28), Gorlukovich, Luzhny — Kuylkov (Bal 82), Dobrovolsky, Cherenkov, Zigmantovich — Shmarov (Kolivanov 46), Rodionov.

New Poland boss Andrzej Strelau would have been happier if this opening match of his reign had been against a stronger Soviet team. Instead the Soviets were without almost all the Kiev Dynamo men because of club commitments. Only Chanov and Bal were 'let off'.

Oslo — intl friendly
Norway 0
Greece 0
Att: 3,696. **Ref:** Assenmacher (WG)

Norway: Thorstvedt — Hansen, Kojedal, Johnsen, Byornebye — Lokken, Berg (Brandhaug 46), Osvold, Mordt (Jakobsen 46) — Sorloth, Fjoertoft.

Greece: Economopulos — Apostolakis, Manolas, Mavriolis, Hatzithanasiou — Tsaluhidis, Saravakos, Bonovas, Samaras (Dimopulos 72) — Savidis (Stamatis 88), Kofidis (Tsiurtakis 88).

Much to the Norwegians' disappointment, Greece managed for once to tighten up a defence which has leaked like a sieve for most of the last two years.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Annaba — WC Africa gp A
Algeria 1 (Madjer 56)
Ivory Coast 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Badare Sene (Senegal)

Algeria: Osmani — Rahmouni, Megharia, Adghigh, Adjas — Saib, Zorgane (Sherif El Ouzani 67), Belloumi, Guettai, Madjer.

Ivory Coast: Gouamene — Aka, Koffi, Alassane, Hobou — Lago, Maguy, Sakanogo, Dall (Ahmed Ouattra 83) — Sekou Bomba, Kassi Kouadio (Traore 46).

Algeria, with this victory, topped the group to assure themselves a place in the final round play-offs against Egypt with a place in Italy at stake.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Cairo — WC Africa gp B
Egypt 2 (Rahoul 58, Ibrahim Hassan 62)
Kenya 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 100,000. **Ref:** Hafez Aly Taher (Tanzania)

Egypt: Shoubeir — Ibrahim Hassan, Hanryramzi, Sebair Eid, Raby Yassin — Kas (Ayman Chawkwi 77), Abder Rassoul, Badr Ragab, Abou Zeid (Yasser Faroukh 77) — H Hassan, El Hamid.

Kenya: Muhasyi — Ochola, Owour, Odour, Aniango — Weche (Lykoye 62), Otieno, Magongo, Ndolo — Dawo (S Onyango 79), G Onyango.

Egypt secured their place in the final round with this win. Abou Zeid lays on the opening goal for Hisham Abdel Rahoul. Raby Yassin cross four minutes later to provide Ibrahim Hassan with a 'free' header for No 2.

Lillongwe — WC Africa gp B
Malawi 0
Liberia 0
Att: 11,000.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Yaounde — WC Africa gp C
Cameroon 1 (Oman Biyik 31)
Nigeria 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Naji Jouini (Tun)

Cameroon: Nkono — Tataw, Massing, Kunde, Ebwelle — Mbouh, Kana Biyik, Mfede — Ebongue, Oman Biyik, Djonkep.

Nigeria: Ngodigha (Alloy Egu 10) — Uwe, Eboigbe, Keski — Adesima, Okafor, Obabocifo, Dahiru, Sadi, Friday — Esim, Siasia.

Cameroon qualified for the final round of the African play-offs thanks to this 31st-minute goal from Oman Biyik.

Libreville — WC Africa gp C
Gabon 1 (Minko 24)
Angola 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Ṅacini Abdelah (Mor)

Gabon: Mendome — Angoue, Bongo, Kassa, Joel Minko, Mbinah, Moutsinga (Mandrault 72), Nzamba, Delicat — Remboundou (Mounguengui 57), Michel Minko.

Angola: Jose — Nejo (Bila 46), Quim Sebas, Ralf, Noudo — Luis Bento, Mona, Saramento (Tuiba 71), Vieira Dias — Carlos Pedro, Nelson.

Kenitra — WC Africa gp D
Morocco 1(Madih 58)
Zaire 1(Makekoula 47)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Ander Rahman Berki (Alg)

Morocco: Brazi — Ermouki, Huna, benouda, Mustapha (Oulhajd) — Tijani (Kiddi). Fadil, Timoumi, Madih — Laghrissi, Moumario.

Zaire: Merikani — Makengo (Mbala), Tschilambo, Ztanzambi, Ngombo — Ndinga, Basaula, Kingambo, Santos (Yaba) — Makekoula, Kobongo.

Tunis — WC Africa gp D
Tunisia 1 (Mahjoubi 75)
Zambia 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Traore (Mali)

Tunisia: Bourchada — Mhaddebi, Mahjoubi, Ben Yahia, Ben Maji, Selimi, Maloul (Abdeli). Hergal, Tarak Dhiab — Abid, Limam (Rouissi).

Zambia: Chabal — Seko, Melu, Moulenga (Munza), Changwe — Makinka, Musonda, Chansa, Mbasela (Pearson Mwanza) — Nyirenda, Msika.

Lima — WC SA gp 1
Peru 0
Uruguay 2 (Sosa 46, Alzamendi 69)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Esposito (Arg)

Peru: Purizaga — Carranza, Arteaga, Requena, Olivares (Manassero 73) — Del Solar, Reinoso, Uribe — Dall'Orso, Hirano, Franco Navarro.

Uruguay: Pereyra — Herrera, Gutierrez, De Leon, Dominguez — Ostolaza (Correa 80), Perdomo, Paz (Bengoechea 75) — Alzamendi, Francescoli, Sosa.

Peru lost all hope of qualifying with this defeat. They played their best at the end of the first half, could not break down the Uruguayan defence, then blundered twice after the interval to present the visitors with their decisive goals.

Asuncion — WC SA gp 2
Paraguay 2 (Javier Ferreira 58, Chilavert 90pen)
Colombia 1 (Iguaran 87)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Hernan Silva (Chile)

Paraguay: Chilavert — Caceres, Zabala, Delgado, Torales — Romerito (Javier Ferreira 50), Guasch, Nunes, Neffa — Hicks (Buenaventura Ferreira 73), Mendoza.

Colombia: Higuita — Wilson Perez, Perea, Escobar, Hoyos — Alvarez, R Perez (Hernandez 67), Valderrama, Redin — Iguaran, Galeano (Uzurriaga 55).

Police had to rescue Chilean referee Hernan Silva from Colombian players after he awarded a last-second penalty which brought Paraguay victory. Silva had played five minutes' injury time when Rene Higuita grabbed Rogelio Delgado round the neck as he tried to head for goal. The Colombians surrounded Silva, journalists joined in and police had to clear the pitch — both before and after Paraguay goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert ran the length of the stadium to shoot past his opposite number Higuita from the spot.

Mendoza (Arg) — WC SA gp 3
Chile 5 (Letelier 14, 34, 68, Yanez 43, Vera 84)
Venezuela 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Jacome (Ecuador)

Chile: Rojas — Hisis, Astengo (Contreras 46), Gonzalez, Puebla, Pizarro, Vera, Aravena, Yanez (Covarrubias 76), Letelier, Basay.

Venezuela: Gomez — Torres, Paz, Morovic, Cavallo, Carrero, Acosta (Gallardo 58), Lopez, Maldonaldo, Fernandez (Febles 50), Arreaza.

Chile thrashed Venezuela to draw level with Brazil at the top of the group on points. The match was played in Mendoza, on the Argentine side of the Andes, because of FIFA's ban on the Estadio Nacional in Santiago. Letelier scored an opportunist hat-trick. His first goal was a right-foot drive, his second was a cross-shot helped into the net by kee[per Gomez and his third followed a poor clearance attempt.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Setubal — intl friendly
Portugal 0
Rumania 0
Att: 5,000. **Ref:** Ramos Marcos (Sp)

Portugal: Silvino — Joao Pinto, Miguel, Venancio, Veloso — Andre, Jaime Magalhaes (Jorge Ferreira 70), Vitor Paneira, Carlos Xavier — Rui Aguas, Cesar Brito.

Rumania: Lung — Rednic — Petrescu, Iovan, Andone, Rotariu — Sabau, Popescu, Dumitrescu (Mateut 46) — Lacatus, Hagi (Vaiscovici 77).

Portugal's few fans left the Estadio do Bonfirm wondering whether their team were badly missing foreign-based Rui Barros and Paolo Futre up front, or whether manager Juca had deliberately used the occasion to test the defensive tactics which would shortly be needed in both Belgium and Switzerland.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

La Paz — WC SA gp 1
Bolivia 2 (Dominguez og 38, Pena 47)
Uruguay 1 (Sosa 49)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 52,000. **Ref:** Vergara (Ven)

Bolivia: Galarza — Martinez, Fontana, Ferrufino, Perez, Borja, Soria, Romero, Melgar, Ramallo, Pena (Sanchez 61).

Uruguay: Pereira — Herrera (Bengoechea 82), Gutierrez, De Leon,

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Dominguez, Perdomo, Ostolaza, Paz, Alzamendi, Francescoli, Sosa.

Bolivia did surprisingly well to beat Uruguay to go top of the group. After am opening 15 minutes in which Uruguay did all the attacking, the Bolivian defence and the thin air of La Paz blunted the threat of the group favourites. Bolivia went ahead after 38 minutes through an own goal by Alfonso Dominguez. Alvaro Pena scored a second from close range soon after the start of the second half. Although Uruguay pulled one back two minutes later through striker Ruben Sosa, who almost alone along the vitiros appeared unaffected by the altitude, the Bolivians continued to control the game. Only a fine string of saves by Eduardo Pereira prevented them extending their lead.

Guayaquil — WC SA gp 2
Ecuador 0
Colombia 0
Att: 40,000. **Ref:** Calabria (Arg)

Ecuador: Morales — Izquierdo, Quinteros, Quinonez, Capurro, Aguinaga, Rosero (Benitez 65), Fajardo, Cuvi (Verduga 72), Tenorio, Aviles.

Colombia: Higuita — Hoyos, Perea, Escobar, Perez, Fajardo (Uzuriaga 82), Gomez, Perez, Valderrama, Igurana, Hernandez (Galeano 87).

Colombia had to be content with a goalless draw despite dominating the match against their disorganised hosts.

Rio de Janeiro — WC SA gp 3
Brazil 1 (Careca 49)
Chile 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 141,072. **Ref:** Loustai (Arg)
Match abandoned after 65 minutes: Brazil awarded game by 2-0 margin

Brazil: Taffarel — Mauro Galvao, Aldair, Ricardo, Jorginho, Dunga, Silas, Valdo, Branco — Bebeto, Careca.

Chile: Rojas — Reyes, Gonzalez, Astengo, Puebla — Pizarro, Hisis, Vera, Aravena — Yanez, Letelier.

What should have been the group's decisive match comes to a sudden end 25 minutes from time when a flare rocket fired by a Brazilian woman spectator lands close to Chile goalkeeper and captain Roberto Rojas. Rojas falls clutching his face and is carried away by his team-mates — who then refuse to complete the game on the grounds of safety and despite FIFA assurances that it is safe to play on. Brazil claim the victory and, with it, a resulting place in the World Cup finals. Rosemary Mello, the 24-year-old hooligan, says later that she foired the flare merely to celebrate impending victory. It is the first time she has been to a match in the Maracana. The only goal comes four minutes after half-time when Careca takes a Bebeto pass, beats two defenders and shoots home. Rojas gets his fingers to the ball but that is not enough. Only Rojas has kept the score down, with fine saves from Valdo, Careca and Branco. Later FIFA award the match to Brazil by 2-0.

Port of Spain — WC CONCACAF qual
Trinidad and Tobago 2 (Jones 10, Jamerson 88)
Guatemala 1 (Rodas 6)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 32,000. **Ref:** Cachay Diaz

Trinidad: Clayton Morris — Faustin, Francis, Maurice Morris, Lee, Jamerson, Latapy, Charles, Yorke (Morris), Lewis, Jones (Alibey).

Guatemala: Jerez — Sims, Davila, Rivera, Castaneda, Sanchez, Wellman, Ortega, Paniagua, Rodas (Chacon), Monzon.

Trinidad and Tobago win with a late, late goal to intensify the pressure on the United States. Outstanding midfielder Russell Latapy provides the opening for Kerry Jamerson to shoot past Ricardo Jerez. Earlier Guatemala threaten an upset by opening the score in the sixth minte when Julio Rodas pounces on a poor clearance. Jamerson creates an equaliser for Philibert Jones, then scores the winner himself.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Oslo — WC qual gp 5
Norway 1 (Bratseth 84)
France 1 (Papin 40 pen)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 8,564. **Ref:** Kolev (Bul)

Norway: Thorstvedt — Halle, Kojedal, Bratseth, Bjornebye, Loeken, Brandhaug (Berg 75), Ahlsen, J I Jakobsen, Jorn Andersen, Fjortoft (Agdestein 75).

France: Bats — Amoros, Di Meco, Le Roux (Silvestre 55), Sauzee, Pardo, Deschamps, Perez, Papin, Ferreri (Blanc 75), Cantona.

France's last faint hopes of a World Cup evaporate with this draw. Michel Platini's men dominate the first half and take the lead through a penalty converted by Marseille captain Jean-Pierre Papin after he had been controversially fouled. In the last minute of the first half France might have gone further ahead but Jean-Marc Ferreri saw his shot cleared off the line by Rune Bratseth. The Norwegian sweeper is his side's hero again six minutes before the end when he heads home a corner to equalise. Norway might even have won but Orjan Berg shoots straight at Joel Bats in the very last seconds.

Nitra — friendly intl
Czechoslovakia 2 (Vlk 44, Bilek 59)
Rumania 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,150.

Czechoslovakia: Miklosko — Kadlec — Bilek, Kinier, nemecek, Vlk — Hasek, Chovanec, Moravcik (Hyravy 78) — Griga (Cerny 81), Skuhravy (Weiss 46).

Rumania: Lung — Petrescu (Sandoi 60), Iovan, Rednic, Rotariu — Andone, Sabau (Muinay 70), Popescu, Lacatus — Dumitrescu (Klein 60), Hagi.

Czech manager Josef Venglos appeared almost surprised in victory. He had feared problems without Kocian in defence and Straka in midfield. Instead Kinier took good care of Rumania danger man Hagi and Vlk contributed a vital opening goal just before the interval.

Warsaw — friendly intl
Poland 3 (Robert Warzycha 1, Dziekanowski 28, Ziober 42)
Greece 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Haberman (WG)

Poland: Wandzik — Kaczmarek, Budka, Wdowczyk (Soczynski 46) — Nawrocki (Czachowski 36), R Warzycha, tarasiewicz, Ziober (Sliwowski 69) — Kosecki, Dziekanowski, K Warzycha.

Greece: Economopulos (Plitsis 46) — Agorogianis, Kaltzakis, Apostolakis, Hatzithanasiou (Alexiou 46) — Mitsibonas, Tsaluhidis (Karageorgiu 46), Savidis, Kofidis (Maranos 46) — Saravakos (Dimitriadis 46), Dimopulos.

Poland beat Greece easily. Robert Warzycha gave the Poles a first-minute lead, Celtic's Jacki Dziekanowski headed a second and Jacek Ziober scored a fine solo third. Poland then relaxed but Greece wasted several second-half chances. Later the Greek manager, Andonis Georgiadis, blamed defeat on the fact that the Greek league season had yet to start.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Stockholm — WC Euro gp 2
Sweden 0
England 0
Att: 38,588. **Ref:** Forstinger (Aus)

Sweden: Ravelli — R Nilsson, Hysen, P Larsson, Ljung — Engqvist, Thern, Imngesson (Stromberg 72), J Nilsson (Limpar 77) — Ekstrom, Magnusson.

England: Shilton — Stevens, Walker, Butcher, Pearce — Waddle, McMahon, Webb (Gascoigne 72), Barnes (Rocastle 76) — Beardsley, Lineker.

This draw brought both teams closer to the finals. The hero of the night was England's Terry Butcher. Standing in as skipper for Bryan Robson he commaned in defence despite two head gashes whch needed 16 stitches in all after Butcher finished the match with his shirt and shorts drenched in blood. Sadly the game was overshadowed by hooligan troyble involving some of the 2,000 England supporters who had travelled to Stockholm in the hope of obtaining entry to the match en masse. Around 150 fans were arested by Swedish police, a dozen of them Swedes.

Reykjavik — WC Euro gp 3
Iceland 0
East Germany 3 (Sammer 55, Ernst 63, Doll 65)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,124. **Ref:** Cooper (Wal)

Iceland: Fridriksson — Gislasson, A M Jonsson, Torfasson, Thorkelsson, Saevar Jonsson, Bergsson, Torfasson, Gretarsson, Sigurvinsson, Gudjohnsen (Margeirsson 59).

E Germany: Heyne — Kreer, Steinmann, Lindner, Doschner, Sammer, Stubner, Reich, Kirsten, Ernst (Steinmann 76), Doll.

Matthias Sammer, Rainer Ernst and Thomas Doll all scored in a ten-minute span early in the second half to lead East germany to a victory which moved them ahead of Iceland in the group but still left them with little chance of reaching Italy. Sammer scored in the rain after a mix-up in the Iceland defence. Eight mintes later Ernst miss-hit his shot from just outside the penalty area but the flight of the ball still deceived Fridriksson. Two minutes further on and Doll scored No 3. Doll had a chance of fourth in the closing minutes when he was tripped but his penalty ricocheted off the bar.

Vienna — WC Euro gp 3
Austria 0
Sov Union 0
Att: 62,500. **Ref:** Hackett (Eng)

Austria: Lindenberger — Weber — Russ, Pfeffer, Streiter — Linzmaier, Artner, Zsak, Herzog (Hortnagl 78) — A Ogris (Rodax 65), Polster.

Sov Union: Chanov — Khidiatulin — Gorlukovich, Kuznetsov, Besonov — Mikhailichenko, Cherenkov (Aleinikov 78), Litovchenko, Zavarov — Dobrovolsky — Protasov.

Austria were delighted with this point after playing a tight defensive game with this end in view. To the dismay of their 62,500 fans, manager Josef Hickersberger organised his men in a tight formation which caught the Soviets by surprise. tar defender was Admira's Peter Artner, who policed Zavarov so effectively that the in-form Soviet general was cautioned for snapping back out of frustration. The Soviets managed only two serious threats to goal. Each time Klaus Lindenberger was equal to the danger, saving well first from Zavarov then from Litovchenko. The Austrians also had two good chances. Both fell to Manfred Zsak, in the 55th and 66th minutes. Both were blocked by Viktor Chanov.

Helsinki — WC Euro gp 4
Finland 1 (Lipponen 50)
Wales 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,480. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG)

Finland: Laukkanen — Lahtinen, Heikkinen, Europaeus, Holmgren, Tarkkio, Ukkonen (Tauriainen 82), Ikalainen, Patelainen (Tornvall 65), Lipponen, Myyry.

Wales: Southall — Blackmore, Phillips, Nicholas (Maguire 88), Aizlewood, Ratcliffe, Saundrs, Williams (Bowen 80), Rush, Hughes, A Davies.

Finland's victory pushed Wales to the bottom of the table on a gloomy night during which both star strikers, Ian Rush and Mark Hughes, were booked. The only goal came in the 50th minute after a corner by Ukkonen sailed over the defence and was headed home by the unmarked Lipponen. Lipponen, who plays for Dutch club FC Twente, had previously failed in trials with Southampton, Everton and Bristol City.

Zagreb — WC Euro gp 5
Yugoslavia 3 (Katanec 52, Nicol og 58, Gillespie og 59)
Scotland 1 (Durie 37)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 42,500. **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel)

Yugoslavia: Ivkovic — Spasic, Baljic, Katanec, Hadzibegic, Brnovic, Susic, Bazdarevic, Jakovljevic (Savicevic 73), Stojkovic, Zlatko Vujovic.

Scotland: Leigton — Gillespie, Malpas, Aitken. McLeigh, Miller, Nico;l, McStay, McCoist, MacLeod, Durie.

Yugoslavia became the first nation — hosts Italy and holders Argentina excepted — to secure a place at the 1990 World Cup finals with this win. They needed two Scotland own goals to force their way back into the game in the second half. Scotland survived early pressure to open the scoring when Chelsea's Gordon Durie headed home a cross from McCoist. The eager Slavs equalised seven miniutes after the break when Dragan Stojkovic centred for Sampdoria midfielder Srecko Katanec to outjump Leighton. Yugoslavia stormed on and their efforts paid off when the Scots conceded two own goals in as many minutes. First a Stojkovic free kick was deflected into goal by Nicol then Gary Gillespie turned a Zlatko Vujovic shot into the net. Yugoslavia might have gone ahead before any of the goals. But a 24th-minuted drive from Stojkovic hit the bar.

Belfast — WC Euro gp 6
N Ireland 1 (Whiteside 89)
Hungary 2 (K Kovacs 13, G Bognar 44)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe)

N Ireland: Wright — Fleming, Worthington, Rogan, McDonald, McCreery, D Wilson, Quinn (O'Neill 64), Clarke, Whiteside, Black.

Hungary: P Disztl — Sallai, Keller, L Disztl, E Kovacs, Limperger, G Bognar (Istvan 84), Sass, Fischer (Z Bognar 89), Detari, K Kovacs.

Kalman Kovacs and Gyorgy Bognar took advantage of defensive lapses to revive Hungarian hopes of qualifying. They opened the scoring in the 13th when Rogan missed a long clearance from Peter Disztl and left Kovacs clear to race through and score. After a shot by Jimmy Quinn at the other end just skimmed the bar, the Hungarians regained control. One minute from half-time Wright saved well from a Lajos Detari free kick. The Irish failed

to clear the corner and Bognar fired home from 25 yards. The closest the Irish came was when Colin Clarke had an effort disallowed for offside midway through the second half.

Brussels — WC Euro gp 1
Belgium 3 (Ceulemans 34, Van der Linden 59, 69)
Portual 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 28,250. **Ref:** Spirin (SU)

Belgium: Preud'homme — Gerets, Demol, De Wolf, Emmers, Franky Van der Elst, Versavel, Degryse, Ceulemans, Van der Linden (Nilis 86).

Portugal: Silvino — Joao Pinto, Sobrinho, Venancio, Veloso — Carlos Xavier, Vitor Paneira (Rui Aguas 60), Rui Barros, Cesar Brito, Futre, Andre.

Marc Van der Linden scored twice and veteran Jan Ceulemans once as Belgoum continued their unbeaten World Cup qualifying run. Ceulemans, in his 83rd international, opened the scoring in the 34th minute, collecting a pass from Bruno Versavel on the right and slipping it neatly past the diving Silvino. Van der Linden made it 2-0 in the 59th ninute when he stooped to head in a left wing cross from Marc Degryse who had spriung the Portuguese offside trap. The Belgians put icing on the cake ten minutes later when Silvino parried a shot from Ceulemans and Van der Linden was ready to head in at twice.

Amsterdam — intl friendly
Holland 2 (R Koeman 33, Wouters 57)
Denmark 2 (Bartram 64 pen, Heintze 66)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 13,500.

Holland: Hiele (Menzo 46) — Rutges, Fraser, R Koeman, Winter, Wouters (Reekers 64), Kruezen, Van't Schip, Bosman, Kieft (Van Loen 77), Roy.

Denmark: Schmeichel — Sivebaek, K Nielsen, L Olsen, I Nielsen, Bartram. Helt, Heintze, Povlsen (Frimann 77), M Laudrup, B Laudrup.

Denmark score twice in two minutes midway through the second half to snatch a 2-2 draw against an understrength Holland. A 64th-minute penalty by Jan Bartram, awarded for a foul on Michael Laudrup by debutant defender Henk Fraser, was followed by a second Danish goal from midfielder Jan Heintze. The double strike cancelled out Dutch goals either side of half-time. Ronald Koeman, captain of Holland, opened the scoring with a 25-yard drive, and created the Dutch second for Wouters.

Dublin — intl friendy
Rep Ireland 1 (Stapleton 10)
West Germany 1 (Dorfner 22)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 47,000. **Ref:** Van den Wijngaerts (Bel)

Rep.Ireland: Bonner — Morris, Staunton, McCarthy, O'Leary, Brady (Townsend 35), McGrath (24Idridge (Cascarino 75), Stapleton (Byrne 75), Whelan, Galvin.

W Germany: Illgner (Aumann 46) — Reuter, Pflugler, Buchwald (Reinhardt 46), Augenthaler, Dorfner (Bein 83), Moller, Thon, Wohlfarth, Littbarski, Hassler.

No fewer than seven players from West German champions Bayern Munich were on duty for Franz Beckenbauer in Dublin. Yet it was the Irish who took the led when Frank Stapleton scored his first goal for the Republic in two years. He pounced on Thomas Hassler's careless back pass for a record-equalling 19th international goal. Stapleton had already created a chance for Liverpool's John Barnes whose 45-yard lob almost caught keeper Illgner off his line. But West Germany, without their five 'Italians', weathered the storm. Hassler made up for his mistake by providing the crossfield pass from which Hans Dorfner smashed a thrilling 30-yard drive beyond Bonner. That was the end of the Irishmen's run of 11 home wins.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Lima — WC SA gp 1
Peru 1 (Gonzalez 53)
Bolivia 2 (Ramallo 44, Sanchez 76)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 9,500. **Ref:** Maciel (Par)

Peru: Purizaga — Arteaga, Requena, De Solar, Olivares — Reinoso, Reyna (Yanez 46), Manassero (Torres 46) — Rey Munoz, Gonzalez, Hirano.

Bolivia: Truco — Montano, Martinez, Vargas, Fontana — Soria, Ferrufino, Melgar — Romero (Sanchez 59), Crisaldo, Ramallo.

Bolivia went top of the group with this win. Tito Montano put them ahead just before half-time and Edwin 'Platini' Sanchez snatched a winner with 14 minutes remaining in the second half. Up until that moment it appeared as if Pedro Gonzalez's 53rd-minute strike would be enough to earn Peru at least a point. In fact Peru might still have rescued one point, had Bolivia keeper Pedro Truco not saved an 80th-minute penalty.

Asuncion — WC SA gp 2
Paraguay 2 (Cabanas 36, J Ferreira 67)
Ecuador 1 (Aviles 84)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Ramirez (Peru)

Paraguay: Chilavert — Caceres, Delgado, Zabala, Torales — Guasch, Nunes, J Ferreira — Hicks (B Ferreira 58), Cabanas, Neffa (Romero 62).

Ecuador: Morales — Bravo, Quinteros, Quinonez, Capurro, Rosero (Cuvi), Fajardo, Aguinaga (Benitez 62), Munoz, Aviles, Guerrero.

Paraguay started nervously and Ecuador had the upper hand early on. Then Roberto Cabanas headed Paraguay in front in the 36th minute. In the second half Javier Ferreira scored a spectacular goal when he fired home a Zabala cross.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Montevideo — WC SA gp 1
Uruguay 2 (Sosa 31, Francescoli 38)
Bolivia 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Castro (Ch)

Uruguay: Pereira — Herrera, Gutierrez, De Leon, Dominguez — Ostolaza, Perdomo (Correa 78), Paz (Bengoechea 66) — Alzamendi, Francescoli, Sosa.

Bolivia: Trucco — *Fontana, Vargas, Ferrufino, Martinez, Montano (*Sanchez 46), Borja, Villegas, Melgar, Romero (Pena 46), Ramallo. *Sanchez and Fontana both sent off, second half.

Uruguay pulled back from the brink of World Cup elimination with this victory. A draw would have seen little Bolivia spring a major shock and qualify instead of the two-time winners. Uruguay's success left them needing victory against Peru to become the third South American nation certain of their place in Italy (after Argentina and Brazil). European-based Ruben Sosa (Lazio) and Enzo Francescoli (Marseille) scored the goals. Bolivia's disappointment was reflected in the loss of control which led to referee Gastom Castro sending off Erwin Sanchez and Ricardo Fontana in the second half.

Barranquilla — WC SA gp 2
Colombia 2 (Iguaran 55, Hernandez 66)
Paraguay 1 (Mendoza 44)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Cardelino (Uru)

Colombia: Higuita — Wilson Perez, Perea, Escobar, Villa, Alvarez, Gomez (Fajardo 46), Redin, C.Valderrama (Uzurriaga 46), Iguaran, Hernandez.

Paraguay: Fernandez — Caceres, Delgado, Zabala, Torales, Romero, Guasch, Nunes (Caballero 63), Palacios (Neffa 25), B Ferreira, Mendoza.

A draw would have been enough to ensure that Paraguay topped the group and went on to meet Israel in the South America/Oceania play-off for a place in the finals in Italy. Paraguay probably through they were almost there when Alfredo 'Coco' Mendoza put them ahead just before the interval after a defensive slip by Luis Carlos Perea. But Colombia fought back after the break. Arnoldo Iguaran headed an equaliser after a move between substitute Luis Fajardo and Ruben Dario Hernandez. Then Hernandez struck himself for the winner.

Tegucigalpa (Honduras) — WC N/ Central America
El Salvador 0
United States 1 (Hugo Perez 62)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,700.

The United States, now under serious qualifying pressure in the CONCACAF section, scored a vital victory in a match played in Honduras because El Salvador's home stadium has been shut because of crowd trouble earlier in the tournament. Ironically, match-winner Hugo Perez was born in El Salvador. He headed the only goal past keeper Carlos Riviera after the Americans had dominated the match.

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Reykjavik — WC Euro gp 3
Iceland 2 (Petursson 56, 72)
Turkey 1 (Feyyaz 85)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Perez Sanchez (Sp)

Iceland: Sigurdsson — Thordarsson, Bergsson, Gislasson, Oddsson, Oerlygsson — Gudjohnsen, Kristinsson, Sigurvinsson — Gretarsson (Margeirsson 71), Petursson.

Turkey: Engin — K.Gokhan, Recep, Cuneyt, Semih — Yusuf (Feyyaz 66), Ugur (Mustafa Yucedag 48), Oguz, Unal — Hasan Vesir, Hakan.

Turkish hopes took a sharp dive with this surprise defeat. Veteran forward Petur Petursson celebrated his return to international duty after a two-year absence by scoring both goals. The first followed a Oerlygsson/ Sigurvinsson move, the second came in a breakaway with Oerlygsson again the creative force. Turkey were right out of luck. Inbetween the two Iceland goals Unal shot against the posts no fewer than three times. Even after Feyyaz had pulled goal back the Turks were against denied — this time by the bar — when Unal again shot past keeper Sigurdsson.

Neuchatel — WC Euro gp 7
Switzerland 1 (Turkyilmaz 28 pen)
Portugal 2 (Futre 74 pen, Rui Aguas 77)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 16,500. **Ref:** Kukulakis (Gr)

Switzerland: Brunner — Rey, Weber, Baumann, Geiger, Piffaretti, Favre (Herr 78), Hermann, Chapuisat, Beat Sutter (Zuffi 69), Turkyilmaz.

Portugal: Silvino — Joao Pinto, Frederico, Venancio, Veloso — Vitor Paneira (Sobrinho 89), Andrea, Adelino Nunes, Jaime Magalhaes (Rui Aguas 44), Rui Barros, Futre.

Portugal, who had appeared wild outsiders for qualification, suddenly pulled up their socks in the last 16 minutes against Uli Stielike's Switzerland. The hosts went ahead when Stephane Chapuisat — son of a infamous one-time international defender — was brought down and Kubilay Turkyilmaz converted the penalty. Portugal boss Juca brought on Rui Aguas just before half-time to step up his attacking power and the move ultimately proved decisive. First Futre shot home a penalty after Venancio was brought down by Martin Weber. Then Swiss keeper Martin Brunner missed a Futre cross and Aguas was there to shoot home.

Novisad — intl friendly
Yugoslavia 3 (Brnovic 8, Prosinecki 16, Pancev 82)
Greece 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 8,500. **Ref:** Pleszek (Hun)

Yugoslavia: Ivkovic (Ekovic 46) — B Brnovic, Vujacic, Zoran Vujovic, Soasic (Panadic 60), Jozic (Petric 46), Prosinecki, D Brnovic (Stanojkovic 46), Pancev, Stojkovic (Mijatovic 46), Jakovljevic.

Greece: Plitsis — Apostolakis, Agroiannis (Alexiou 46), Mavridis, Vakalopulos, Mitsibonas, Saravakos, Stamatis, Maragos, Savidis (Karageorgiu 18), Kofidis (Adamapukos 62).

Yugoslavia, certain now of their place in the World Cup finals, lacked several of their star exports for this game but still won easily. Early goals from Dragoljub Brnovic and Robert Prosinecki put them in charge and it would have been 3-0 by half-time if Greek keeper Giorgos Plitsis had not saved a 43rd-minute penalty by Yugoslav key man, Dragan (Pixie) Stojkovic.

La Coruna — intl friendly
Spain 1 (Michel 19)
Poland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 21,000. **Ref:** Conceicao Silva (Port)

Spain: Zubizarreta (Ochotorena 81) — Chendo, Andrinua (Hierro 23), Sanchis, Jimenez — Michel (Eusebio 69), Roberto (Minguella 58), Villaroya, Martin Vazquez — Manolo (Julio Salinas 69), Butragueno.

Poland: Bako (Wandzik 46) — Wdowczyk, Kruszankin, Budka, Soczynski 34), Kubicki, Chakowsky, Kaczmarek, R Warzycha, Kosecki (Kubisztal 63), Ziober, K Warzycha.

Two of the British/Irish World Cup hopefuls took interest in this game. Spain (in the same group as the Irelands) beat Poland (England's October rivals) with an early goal from Michel — celebrating his re-election as Spain's Players' Footballer of the Year.

Cesena — intl friendly
Italy 4 (Baggio 18 pen, 34, Carnevale 46, Vialli 53)
Bulgaria 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 22,500. **Ref:** Constantin (Bel)

Italy: Zenga — Bergomi (Ferrara 76), Maldini (De Agostini 61), F Baresi, Ferri, Marocchi (Crippa 68), Baggio, De Napoli, Vialli, Giannini. Carnevale.

Bulgaria: Valov — E Dimitrov, Ivanov, Dochev, N Iliev, Bankov, Petkov (Simeonov 83), Stoichkov, Penev, Yordanov (E Kostadinov 46), Balakov.

Roberto Baggio, the Fiorentina newcomer, was Italy's star on this opening game of what may be considered their most important season ever. He scored two goals and made two. Baggio put Italy ahead from

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an 18th-minute penalty awarded when Andrea Carnevale was tripped by Trifon Ivanov. The goal was Italy's 500th since their first international against France in 1910. In the 34th minute Baggio scored again — this time after exchanging passes with Gianluca Vialli. A Baggio free kick provided Carnevale with a goal just after the interval. Then the inspired midfielder opening up a shooting chance for Vialli and the ball ricocheted into the net via Nikolai Iliev's hand. Baggio was playing only because of injury to Milan's Roberto Donadoni. The nearest Bulgaria came was in the fifth minute when much-coveted striker Hristo Stoichkov hit the bar.

WORLD MILITARY CHAMPIONSHIP (in Morocco)

Group A: Italy 3, Zambia 0; Italy 1, UAE 1;,UAE 1, Zambia 1.

Group B: Belgium 1, Morocco 1; Belgium 0, Holland 0; Morocco 1, Holland 0.

5th place play-off: Holland 2, Zambia 1.

3rd place play-off: Belgium 1, UAE 0.

Final: Italy 3, Morocco 1.

OTHER MATCHES

Jun 7: Toluca 3, Belgium 1.

Jun 22: Milan 0, Brazil 0.

Jun 24: Czechoslovakia 5, Benfica 2 (President's Cup, Pusan).

July 30: Bolivia 3, Rosario Central 1.

Aug 4: Paraguay 2, Nacional (Uru) 3.

Aug 9: Guatemala 0, Indepediente 1.

Aug 13: Uruguay 3, Internacional Porto Alegre 0 — Bolivia 2, Cobreloa 0.

Aug 22: East Germany U21 1, Bulgaria U21 1.

Sep 5: Poland Olympic XI 2, Greece Olympic XI 1.

CLUB MATCHES

English Charity Shield: Liverpool 1, Arsenal.

THE EUROPEAN CUPS

CHAMPIONS' CUP

First rnd, first legs (Sep 13)

Derry 1 (Paul Carlyle 74)
Benfica 2 (Jonas Thern 59, Ricardo 64)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,500. **Ref:** Goethals (Bel).

Derry: Dalton — Vaudequin, Neville, Curran, Brady — Carlyle, Doolin, Gauld, Healy — Coyle, Krstic.

Benfica: Silvino — Aldair, Ricardo, Fonseca, Veloso — Abel (Chalana 72), Valdo, Vitor Paneira, Thern — Magnusson, Cesar Brito (Vata Garcia 72).

Dynamo Dresden 1 (Fran Lieberam 75)
AEK Athens 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Da Silva Valente (Por)

Dresden: Teuber — Schossler, Lieberam, Diebitz, Wagenhaus, Doschner, Stubner, Mauksch, Sammer, Minge, Jahnig (Milde 61).

AEK: Economopulos — Papaioannu, Kutulas, Manolas, Vasilopulos, Savidis, Stamatis, Okonski, Savevski, Patikas (Peppes 80), Cristopulos (Patalis 89).

Honved 1 (Imre Fodor 55)
Vojvodina 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Werner (Pol)

Honved: P Disztl — Sallai, Csabi, Acs, Csuhay, Sikesdi, Cseh, Csehi, Sass, Fodor, Gregor (Pisont 54).

Vojvodina: Maras — Tanjga, Kartalija, Gatyesa, Mijic, Jokanovic, Milovac, Punisic (Vukosavljevic 88), Mihajlovic (Dakic 79), Vorkapic, Aleksic.

Linfield 1 (Paul Mooney 88 pen)
Dnepr 2 (Nikolai Kudritski 9, 53)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,235. **Ref:** Houben (Hol)

Linfield: Dunlop — Dorman, D Coyle, Doherty, Jeffrey, Deahnoun, Grattamn (Baxter 54), Mooney, McGaughey, McKeown, Bailley.

Dnepr: Gorodov — Yudin, Gerachenko, Sadelnikov, Tichenko — Kudritski, Bagmut, Kulishnov, Sohn — Lyuty, Shervny.

Malmo 1 (Hakan Lindman 75)
Internazionale 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,023. **Ref:** Bouillet (Fr)

Malmo: Fedel — Agren, Jonsson (Echein 89), Vondeburg, Schwarz — Larsson, Andersson, Engqvist, Dahlin (Persson 64), Nilsson, Lindman.

Inter: Zenga — Bergomi, Verdelli, Ferri, Brehme, Mandorlini, Bianchi, Matteoli, Matthaus, Klinsmann, Serena.

Marseille 3 (Franck Sauzee 62, Jean-Pierre Papin 67, Philippe Vercruysse 81)
Brondbyernes 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Lo Bello (It)

Marseille: Huard — Amoros, Mozer, Di Meco, Germain, Sauzee, Tigana, Vercruysse, Francescoli, Waddle (Eyraud 86), Papin.

Brondby: Schmeichel — Madsen, Hansen, L Olsen, Christofte, Frimann (Chrois 86), Vilfort, Pingel (De Lorenzo 72), Jensen, Torden, Christensen.

Milan 4 (Giovanni Stroppa 7, Daniele Massaro 39, 69, Evani 80)
HJK Helsinki 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 41,205. **Ref:** Hadjistefanou (Cyp)

Milan: G Galli — Tassotti, Costacurta, F Galli, Maldini, Evani, Rijkaard, Ancelotti (Colombo 46), Stroppa, Borgonovo (Simone 46), Massaro.

HJK: Jakonen — Schutschkoff, J Vuorela, Rissanen, Kanerva, Suokonahtio (Helin 72), Martonen, Rasimus, Rautiainen (Tiainen 46), Granlund, Valla.

PSV Eindhoven 3 (Wim Kieft 2, Juul Ellerman 9, Romario 35)
Luzern 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 18,900. **Ref:** Spillane (RI)

PSV: Van Breukelen — Gerets, Koot, Nielsen, Heintze — Van Aerle, Lerby, Vanenburg (Povlsen 81) — Kieft, Romario, Ellerman (Kalusha Bwalya 67).

Luzern: Mellacina — Birrer, Schonenberger, Wehrli, Marini — Baumann, Moser (Kaufmann 57), Nadig, Muller (Gmur 81), Gretarsson, Eriksson.

Rangers 1 (Mark Walters 27 pen)
Bayern Munich 3 (Ludwig Ktgl 29, Olaf Thon 46, Klaus Augenthaler 64)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 42,000. **Ref:** D'Elia (It)

Rangers: Woods — Stevens, Nisbet, Butcher, Munro — Wilkins, Steven, D Ferguson, I Ferguson — Johnston, Walters.

Bayern: Scheuer — Grahammer, Johnsen, Augenthaler, Pflugler — Reuter, Thon, Schwabl, Kogl — McInally (Kastenmaier 85), Wohlfarth (Mihajlovic 72).

Rosenborg Trondheim 0
Mechelen 0
Att: 10,400. **Ref:** Snoddy (RI)

Rosenborg: By Rise — Husby, Solleid, Eggen, Henriksen, Ingebrigtsen, Brandhaug, Berg, Lokken (Strand 85), Sorloth, Jakobsen.

Mechelen: Preud'homme — Sanders (Hofkens 68), Rutjes, Clijsters, Albert — P Versavel, Emmers, Bosman, B Vedrsavel — De Wilde (Severeyns 63), Ohana.

Ruch Chorzow 1 (Mieczyslaw Szewczyk 43)
CFKA Sofia 1 (Lyuboslav Penev 18)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Petrescu (Rum)

Ruch: Kolodziejczyk — Fornalak, Fornalik, Waleszczyk, Chorzewski — Nowak, Szewczyk, Szuster, Lukasik (Mosor 46), K Warzycha, Bak.

CFKA: Valov — Dimitrov, Mladenov, Ivanov, Urukov, Kirov, Yanchev, Bakalov, Kostadinov (Donev 73), Penev, Georgiev.

Sliema Wanderers 1 (Roger Walker 57)
17 Nentori 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Vutsaras (Gr)

Sliema: Calleja — Cluett, E Zammit, Oberg, Navarro, Caruana, Suda (M Gauci), Gregory, Walker, Taliana (E Gauci), Grech.

Nentori: Mersini — Liti, Josa, Rizi, Alimehmeti (Soko), Hadja, Lekbello, Daja, Omuri, Banhri, Kola.

Sparta Praha 3 (Ivan Cabala 57, Michal Bilek 74, 78)
Fenerbahce 1 (Hakan 19)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Cooper (Wal)

Sparta: Stejskal — Novotny, Milejnek, Nemecek, Vrabec, Hasek, Bilek, Cabala, Novak (Sadl 71), Kukleta, Skuhravy.

Fenerbahce: Schumacher — Usmail, Nezihi, Mujdat, Hasan, Hakam, Oguz, Sedat (K Senol 22), Corlu, Nielsen (Taygun 73), Aykut.

Spora 0
Real Madrid 3 (Emilio Butraguewo 26, Michel 67pen, 70)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 6,500 (in Saarbrucken).
Ref: Egbertzen (Hol)

Spora: Felten — Juchem (Lessur 61), Kremer, Urbing, Frantz, Laera, Janes (Dublin 80), Mergen, Reiter, Rigaud, Poggi.

Madrid: Buyo — Solana, Esteban, Schuster, Sanchis, Ruggeri, Michel, Losada, Martin Vazquez (Paco Llorente 56), Butragueno (Aldana 75), Hierro.

Steaua Bucharest 4 (Dan Petrescu 30, Gheorghe Hagi 41pen, Gavril Balint 83, Istvan Mujnai 85)
Fram Reykjavik 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Bernik Kaini (Alb)

Steaua: Lung — Petrescu, Bumbescu, Iovan, Ungureanu — Mujnai, Rotariu, Dumitrescu (Balint 73), Hagi — Lacatus, Negrau (Grigoras 64).

Fram: Kristinsson — Bjarnasson, Cristian Jonsson, Sveinsson, Thorkelsson, Torfasson, Ormslev, Kristinn Jonsson, Gudjohnsson (Arnthorsson 22), Steinsson (Gudgeirsson), Margeirsson.

FC Tirol 6 (Heinz Peischl 7, Hansi Muller 10pen, Christoph Westerthaler 57, Peter Pacult 72, 74, Alfred Htrtnagl 80)
Omonia Nicosia 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 13,000. **Ref:** Liska (Cz)

Tirol: Lindenberger — Lainer, Pezzey, Garger, Streiter — Linzmaier, Gorosito, Peischl, Muller (Hortnagl 69), Westerthaler, Pacult.

Omonia: Charitou (Christou 46) — Iakovu, Petsas, Christodolou, Georgiev — Christovi, Xiurupas, Bakardiev, Zakis (Charilao 78), Kantilos, Micinec.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Prelim rnd, first leg (Aug 16)

Chernomoretz 3 (Petkov 25, V Stoyanov 53, Kumpanov 77 pen)
Dinamo Tirana 1 (Demollari 69)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Steiger (Aus)

Chernomoretz: Shaytanov — Yonchev, S Stoyanov, Bunkonov, Kostov, Yankov, Alexandrov, Kumpanov, V Stoyanov, Petkpov (Ivanov 69), Chilibrov (Ganev 76).

Dinamo: Bozhiqi — Noga, Stafa, Daja, Vata, Canaj, Briza, Ferko (Jance 86), Gjergji, Abazi (Tahiri 55), Demollari.

Prelim rnd, second leg (Aug 30)

Dinamo Tirana 4 (Camaj 46, Abazi 62, Jance 68, Demollari 71)
Chernomoretz Bourgas 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Pul (Hun)
Dinamo Tirana 5-3 on agg

Dinamo: Strakosha — Stafa, Noga, Vata, Kove, Ferko (Jance 46), Briza, Canaj, Tahiri, Demollari, Abazi.

Chernomoretz: Nikolov — Petrov, S Stoyanov, Kralev, Kostov, Yankov, Ivanov, Alexandrov (Ganev 72), V Stoyanov (Petkov 46), Chelivanov, Yovchev.

First round, first legs (Sep 13 unless stated)

Belenenses 1 (Chiquinho 55)
Monaco 1 (Ramon Angel Diaz 70)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Van Swieten (Hol). Played Sep 12.

Belenenses: Mikhailov — Galo, Edmundo, Jose Antonio, Ze Mario, Juanico,Chiquinho, Sadkov (Adao 46), Macae, Jorge Silva (Saavedra 77), Chico Faria.

Monaco: Ettori — Blondeau, Vogel, Petit, Sonor, Puel, Ferratge (Toure 79), Poullain, Mege, Diaz, Weah.

Ferencvaros 5 (Sandor Kincses 1, Zsolt Limperger 10, Gyorgy Szeibert 29, 64, Jozsef Dzurjak 80)
Valkeakosken Haka 1 (Tommi Paavola 4)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Tuere (Tur). Played Sep 12.

Ferencvaros: Jozsa — Simon, Pimter, Limperger, Keller — Szeibert, Banki, Kincses — Wukovics (Paling 72), Dzurjak, Kereszturi (Dukon 82).

Haka: Huttunen — Tanttu, Makrela, Korkea-aho, Nieminen — Laiho, Lintunen, Lorinez, Paavola, Holappa — Lahtinen (Valvee 33).

Partizan 2 (Goran Milojevic 21, Milan Djurdjevic 55)
Celtic 1 (Mike Galloway 41)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 15,000 (in Mostar on Sep 12). **Ref:** Kohl (Aus)

Partizan: Omerovic (Pandurovic 10) — Zupic, Milanic, Spasic, Petric, Vujacic, Djordjevic, Milojevic, Djurdjevic, Djurovski, Bogdanovic (Pantic 70).

Celtic: Bonner — Morris, Rogan, Aitken, Whyte, Grant, Galloway, McKay, Dziekanowski (Walker 62), Coyne, Park.

Slovan Bratislava 3 (Timko 35, Vankovic 53 pen, Tittel 88 pen)

Grasshoppers 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,817. **Ref:** Deda (Tur)
Slovan: Fisan — Kinier — Stupala, Tittel, Repacik (Chvila 89) — Varga, Ekhardt, Juriga — Pecko, Vankovic (Kristofik 70), Timko.
Grasshoppers: M Brunner — Koller — Gren, Egli, In- Albon — Meier, De Vicente (Wyss 78), Bickel, Sutter — Strudal (Wiederkehr 75), Halter.

Union Luxembourg 0
Djurgarden 0
Att: 479. **Ref:** Uilenberg (Hol). Played Sep 12.

Valladolid 5 (Raul Albis 22, 70, Roberto 38, 46, Ayarza 59)
Hamrun Spartans 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Fernandes Correia (Por). Played Sep 12.
Valladolid: Ravnic — Miljus, Moreno, Ayarza (Gonzalo 72), Lemos — Minguela (Patri 75), Damian, Albis — Roberto, Alberto, Hidalgo.
Hamrun: Leigh — Julians, Micallef, Vella, Grech, Azzopardi (M Pace 79) — Refalo, Morley (John Micallef 69), Fenech, Mundee — Degiorgio, Sultana.

Admira Wacker 3 (Franz Schaub 80, Walter Knaller 88, Gerd Rodax 89)
AEL Limassol 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,900. **Ref:** Porumboiu (Rum)

Anderlecht 6 (Kari Ukkonen 11, Luc Nilis 16, 35, Marc Van der Linden 47, 52, Arnor Gudjohsen 85)
Ballymena 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Presberg (Nor)
Anderlecht: De Wilde — Gudjohnsen, Marchoul, Van Tiggelen, Andersen — Vervoort, Jankovic, Ukkonen, Nilis — Degryse, Van der Linden.
Ballymena: Grant — Hamilton, M Smyth, Garrett, Heron, Young, McKee, Sloan, Hardy, D Smyth, Curry.

Barcelona 1 (Ronald Koeman 85pen)
Legia Warsaw 1 (Andrzej Latka 25)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 34,500. **Ref:** Blattmann (Swz)
Barcelona: Zubizarreta — Lopez Recarte, Koeman, Aloisio (Sergi 46), Serna — Eusebio, Amor (Roura 58), Roberto — Julio Salinas, Laudrup, Beguiristain.
Legia: Szczesney — Kubicki, Budka, Kruszankin, Wdowczyk — L Pisz (Jozwiak 67), Kaczmarek, Terlecki (M Pisz 77), Iwanicki — Kosecki, Latka.

Besiktas 0
Borussia Dortmund 1 (Frank Mill 13)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Hope (Sco)
Besiktas: Engin — Recep, Gokhan, Ulvi, Kadir — Mehmet, Riza, Wilson, Walsh (McDonald 59) — Feyyaz, Ali.
Dortmund: De Beer — Nikolic, Helmer, MacLeod, Schultz — Lusch, Moller, Zorc, M Rummenigge (Kroth 3) — Wegmann (Driller 73), Mill.

Brann Bergen 0
Sampdoria 2 (Gianluca Vialli 40, Roberto Mancini 55)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 16,789. **Ref:** Crombie (Scot)
Brann: Elvenes — Bjornstad, Ahlsen, Wassberg, Moldestad (Nordeide 61), Roth, Torvanger, Drici, Kruse, O Thordarsson, Olsen (Nybo 61).
Sampdoria: Pagliuca — Mannini (Carboni 46), Katanec, Pari, Vierchowod, Pellegrini, Victor, Toninho Cerezo, Vialli (Lombardo 68), Mancini, Dossena.

Dinamo Tirana 1 (Agim Canaj 53)
Dinamo Bucharest 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Diakonowicz (Pol)
Tirana: Strakosa — Stafa, Vata, Naga,.Kove — Canaj, Daja (Gheorghi 20), Ferko, Demollari — Abazi, Dafiri.
Bucharest: Stelea — Mihaescu, Rednic, Andone, Klein — Sabau, Lupescu, Mateut, Timofte — Vaiscovici (C Zamfir 50), Radicioiu.

Groningen 1 (Wim Koevermans 48)
Ikast 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 13,000. **Ref:** Donnelly (NI)
Groningen: Lodewijks — Boekweg, Kóevermans, Van Dijk, Wilson — Beltman (Koorman 66), Olde Riekerink, Ten Caat (Weering 78), Roossien — Meijer, Eykelkamp.
Ikast: Krogh — Eriksen, K Hansen, Pechnik, M Larsen — Kristensen, H Larsen (Rahbek 62), Thygesen, R Hansen — O Hansen (Madsen 72), Pedersen.

Panathinaikos 3 (Vangelis Vlachos 4, 53, Dimitris Saravkos 38)
Swansea 2 (Paul Raynor 63, John Salako 80)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Nemeth (Hun)
Panathinaikos: Abadiocakis — Hatzithanasiou, Kolev, Kalitzakis, Kalantsis, Mavridis, Saravakos, Antoniu, Dimopulos (Hristodolu), Vlahos (Polak), Georgamlis.
Swansea: Bracey — Hough, Coleman, Melville, Boyle, James (Davey), Cobb, D'Auria (Legg), Hutchison, Salako, Raynor.

Torpedo Moscow 5 (Grechnev 24, 40pen, Yuri Savichev 27, Chugunov 34, Adanasiev 72)
Cork City 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Craciunescu (Rum)
Torpedo: Sarichev — Polukarov, Soloviev, Chugunov, Afanasiev, Grechnev, Y Savichev, Geetzyelov (Rudakov 46), N Savichev, Shirinbekov (Zhukov 56), Grishin.
Cork: Donnegan — Bowdren, Long, Healy, Murphy, Freyne, Cotter, Conroy, Bannon, Duggan (Hoare 66), Caulfield.

Valur 1 (Haltor Askelsson 37)
Dynamo Berlin 2 (Heiko Bonan 70, Andreas Thom 74)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 510. **Ref:** Purcell (RI)

UEFA CUP

Prelim rnd, first leg (Aug 9)

Auxerre 0
Dinamo Zagreb 1 (Suker 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Gunn (Eng)
Auxerre: Martini — Darras, Boli, Barret, Catalano, Dutuel (Guerreiro 82), Matysik, Ferrer, Cocard, Kovacs (Otokore 60), Vahirua.
Dinamo: Ladic — Cupan, Panadic, Lipovac, Preljevic, Bracun (Lesjak 46), Boban, Djurdjevic, Besek, Skerjanic (Komocar 80), Suker.

Prelim rnd, second leg (Aug 23)

Dinamo Zagreb 1 (Panadic 53)
Auxerre 3 (Kovacs 33, Otokore 36, 56)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Eriksson (Swe)
Auxerre 3-2 on agg
Dinamo: Ladic — Cupan, Panadic, Lipovac (Komocar 76), Preljevic, Lesjak, Besek, Mladenovic, Djurdjevic (Skerjanic 46), Boban, Suker.
Auxerre: Martini — Darras, Boli, Catalano, Mazzolini, Matysik, Guerreiro, Otokore (Cocard 71), Scifo, Kovacs, Vahirua.

First round, first legs (Sep 13 unless stated)

Akranes 0
FC Liege 2 (Luc Ernes 7, Fredric Waseige 81)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 700. **Ref:** McArdle (RI). Played Sep 12

Gornik 0
Juventus 1 (Alexander Zavarov 73)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Rtthlisberger (Swz). Played Sep 12
Gornik: Wandzik — Waldock, Dankowski, Jegor, Staniek, Rzepka, Brzoza, Lissek, Kosela (Kraus 88), Zagorski (Cygan 67), Cyron.
Juventus: Tacconi — Bruno, De Agostini, Fortunato, Brio, Alessio, Aleinikov, Rui Barros, Zavarov, Marocchi, Schillaci (Casiraghi 75).

Hibernian 1 (Graham Mitchell 25)
Videoton 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Crucke (Bel). Played Sep 12.
Hibernian: Goram — Kane, Sneddon, Cooper, Mitchell, Hunter, Weir, Orr (Hamilton 80), Houchen, Collins, Evans.
Videoton: Petry — Kuttor, Horvath, Laszlo, Emmer, Kakacs, Jonas, Mariasi, Sprecksak (Quiriko 87), Csucsansky (Gyenti 89), Petres.

Sochaux 7 (Eric Lada 6, 24, Franck Silvestre 22, Cherif Oudjani 46, 73, Francisco Carrasco 86, Pierre Petry og 89)
Jeunesse d'Esch 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Philioppoz (Swz). Played Sep 12
Sochaux: Rousset — Croci, Silvestre, Hadzibegic, Tihy, Lucas, Laurey, Bazdarevic (Oudjani 46), Carrasco, Lada (Thomas 61), Henry.
Jeunesse: Hoffmann — Muller, Welscher, Petry, Wagner, Bossi, Thome, Scholten, Barboni, Bianchini (Rinaldis 78), Theiss.

Valletta 1 (Joe Zarb 63)
Vienna 4 (Joe Camilleri og 17, Ralph Balzis 42, 86, Gunther Vidreis 56)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Kukulakis (Gr). Played Sep 12.

Vitosha 0
Antwerp 0
Att: 10,000. **Ref:** Girard (Fr). Played Sep 12.
Vitosha: Popov — Vangelov, Khubchev, Georgiev (Koev 59), Savov, Slavchev, Gruyev, Donkov (Getov 65), Iskrenov, Yordanov, Mikhtarski.
Antwerp: De Conink — Quaranta, Brokert, Dekenne, Smidts, Lehnhoff, Van Rooy, Schrooten, Emerechts (Kikens 46), Claesen, Czerniatynski (Curcic 71).

Aberdeen 2 (Craig Robertson 80, Brian Grant 89)
Rapid Vienna 1 (Zlatko Kranjcar 7)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 16,800. **Ref:** Negreira (Sp)
Aberdeen: Snelders — McKinnie, C Robertson (Grant 40), Simpson, McLeish, Miller, Nicholas, Bett, Mason, Connor, Jess.
Rapid: Konsel — Reisinger, Blizenec, *Pecl, Schottel, Kienast, Keglevits, Pfeifenberger, Krancjar (Weber 23), Herzog, Fjortoft. *Pecl sent off, 68min.

Atalanta 0
Spartak Moscow 0
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel)
Atalanta: Ferron — Contratto, Pasciullo, Bonacina, Vertova, Progna, Stromberg, Prandelli, Caniggia, Nicolini, Madonna (Bordin 75).
Spartak: Chereskesov — Basulev, Kulkov, Morozov, Pozdnyakov, Bokis, Kuznetsov, Pasulko, Shmarov, Cherenkov, Rodionov.

Atletico Madrid 1 (Baltazar 77)
Fiorentina 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 46,000. **Ref:** Schmidhuber (WG)
Atletico: Abel — Tomas, Bustingorri, Ferreira, Goicoechea, Donato, Manolo, Pizo Gomez (Alfredo 70), Baltazar, Futre, Orejuela (Marina 70).
Fiorentina: Landucci — Pioli, Volpecina, Iachini, Pin, Battistini, Di Chiara, Dunga, Dertysica (Daniel 70), Baggio, Kubik (Bosco 75).

Auxerre 5 (Basile Boli 19, Pascal Vahirua 50, 56, Pogace og 65, Guerreiro 75)
Apolonia Fier 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Muhmenthaler (Swz)
Auxerre: Martini — Catalano, Darras, Boli, Mazzolini, Guerreiro, Matysik, Scifo, Otokore (Cocard 75), Kovacs, Vahirua.
Apolonia: Stefa — Bita, Pogace, Tegu, Mahmutaj, Poci, Tole, Haxhiaj, Stroni (Ndreu 69), Majaci.

Glentoran 1 (Jameson 68)
Dundee Utd 3 (Alex Cleland 31, Jim McInally 71, Peter Hinds 85)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Burge (Wal)
Glentoran: Smyth — Devine (Craig 67), McCaffrey, Bowers, Moore, McCreery, Caskey, MacCartney, Jameson, Campbell, Douglas (Neil 67).
Dundee Utd: Thompson — Cleland, Malpas, Van der Hoorn, Hegarty, Narey, Gallacher, Bowman, O'Neill (Hinds 60), McInally, Patelainen (French 84).

Hansa Rostock 2 (Jens Wahl 26, 38pen)
Banik Ostrava 3 (Kula 57, Hyravy 66, Horvath 75)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Natri (Fin)

Iraklis 1 (Fanis Toutziaris 29)
Sion 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Marko (Cz)
Iraklis: Plitsis — Iliadis, Lefkopulos, Deligiannis, Vakalopulos — G Papadopulos, D Papadopulos, Bonovas, Tsifopulos — Toutziaris, Dimopulos.
Sion: Lehmann — Sauthier — Claesen, F Rey, Fournier — Lopez, Piffaretti, Mohr, Bacchini — Baljic, Cina.

Karl-Marx-Stadt 1 (Sven Kohler 17)
Boavista 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Halle (Nor)
Karl-Marx-Stadt: Schmidt — Bittermann, Seifert (Laudeley 28), Muller, Illing — Kohler, Ziffert, Keller (Richter 68) — Heidrich, Steinmann, Mitzscherling.
Boavista: Padrao — Frederico — Jaime, Valdir, Garrido, Casaca — Walker, Agatao (Parente 64), Chiquinho Carioca (Joao Pinto 76), Isaias — Jorge Andrade.

Kiev Dynamo 4 (Oleg Protasov 12, Vasily Rats 23, 33, Pavel Yakovenko 55)
MTK Budapest 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Dimitrov (Bul)
Kiev: Chanov — Luzhny, Zayets, Kuznetsov, Shmatovalenko — Yaremchuk, Litovchenko, Yakovenko (Konchelsky 66), Rats (Savenko 80) — Mikhailichenko, Protasov.
MTK: Zsiboras — Horvath, Hires, Lorinez, Vadasz — T Balog, Hannich,

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Hahn, Katzenbach — Lakatos (Kekesi 62), Jovan.

Ktln 4 (Falko Gttz 6, 56, 61, Pierre Littbarski 73pen)
Plastika Nitra 1 (Hipp 20)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Ritchie (NI)

Kuusysi Lahti 0
Paris Saint-Germain 0
Att: 3,882. **Ref:** Ziller (EG)
Lahti: Korhonen — Kousa, Saastamoinen, Jantti, Mielonen, Rinne, Remes, Annunen, Jaervinen (Vehkakoski 88), Lehtinen (Bostrom 71), Lius.
Paris: Bats — Charbonnier, Le Roux, Jeannol, Rabat, Tanasi, calderon, Sene, Susic, Perez (Bravo 72), Zlatko Vujovic.

Lillestrom 1 (Jan Ove Pedersen 87)
Werder Bremen 3 (Dieter Eilts 10, Marco Bude 15, 71)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 6,970. **Ref:** Haraldsson (Ice)

Orgryte 1 (Anders Roth 71)
Hamburg 2 (Jan Furtok 8, John Jensen 80)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,450.

Porto 2 (Jose Carlos 36, Branco 56)
Flacari Moreni 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Lapi (Aus)
Porto: Vitor Baia — Joao Pinto, Demol, Ze Carlos, Branco — Andre, Jaime Magalhaes, Bandeirinha, Semedo (Domingoes 54) — Rui Aguas, Madjer.
Flacari: Tene — Beldie — Purdea, Qiritsa, Butufi, Balaur — Marcu, Draguer, Veidean (Clevan 78), Pana — Lela (Timis 84).

Rad Belgrade 2 (Darko Nestorovic 37, Cedomir Djoincevic 53)
Olympiakos 1 (Tsaluhidis 89)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Worrall (Eng)

RoPs 1 (Tomi Tiainen 43)
GKS Katowice 1 (Miroslaw Kubisztal 1)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Sorensen (Den)

Stuttgart 2 (Fritz Walter 21, Karl Allgtwer 48)
Feyenoord 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 22,500. **Ref:** Hackett (Eng)
Stuttgart: Immel — Schafer, Allgower, Buchwald, Strehmel — Basualdo, Hartmann, Gaudino, Frontzeck — Hotic (Poschner 75), Walter.
Feyenoord: Hiele — Troost, Brandts, Roth (Metgod 78), Brochard (Mulder 56) — Lokhoff, Van Geel, Norton, Blanker — Kiprich, Tebbenhof.

FC Twente Enschede 0
Club Brugge 0
Att: 15,000. **Ref:** Hackett (Eng).
Twente: De Koning — Elzinga, Steffensen, Paus (Karnebeek 65) — Gaasbeek, Rutten, Lipponen, peeper — Neijenhaus (Schmidt 61), Nielsen, Huistra.
Brugge: Verlinden — Beyens (Vereycken 46), Querter, Plovie, L Disztl, Borkelmans — Van der Elst, Ceulemans, Staelens — Farina, Christiaens (Booy 75).

Valencia 3 (Toni 36, Emilio Fenol 48, Enrique Sanchez 71)
Victoria Bucharest 1 (Marcel Coras 61)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 21,000. **Ref:** Tritschler (WG)
Valencia: Ochotorena — Quique, Arias, Boro, Torres — Bossio (Camarasa 71), Fernando, Nando — Eloy, Toni (Subirats 54), Fenoll.
Victoria: Dumitru — Cojocaru, Nicolae, Solomon, Topolinchi — Ursu, Ursea (Cigan 87), Hanganu — Culcear (Fuga 60), Coras, Tira.

Wettingen 3 (John Cleary og 42, Dan Corneliusson 66, Andy Loebmann 69)
Dundalk 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Krchnak (Cz)
Wettingen: Stiel — Germann, Rueda, Schepull — Kundert, Svensson, Heldmann, Jacobacci — Bertelsen, Lobmann, Corneliusson (Stutz 85).
Dundalk: O'Neill — Lawless, Cleary, Coll, Malone, Lawlor — McNulty, Wyse, Shelly — Cousins, Collins.

Zenit Leningrad 3 (Chukhlov 22, Stepanov 59, Popyelnukha 72)
Naestved 1 (Argenesen 9)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,200. **Ref:** Aho (Fin)
Zenit: Biryukov — Podpaly (Matveyev 32), Stepanov, Dolgopolov, Afanasiev, Larionov (Popelnikha 71), Barannik, Zheludkov, Chukhlov, Ivanov, Borodiev.
Naestved: Kaer — B Nielsen, Johansen, Oversen, Juliasen, Jorgensen, Hougaard, Hansen, J A Nielsen (Jensen 59), Kristensen.

Zhalgiris Vilnius 2 (Fridrikas 36, 88)
IFK Gothenburg 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Bujic (Yug)
Zhalgiris: Martinkenas — Fridrikas, Sukristov, Mazheikis, Yanonis, Kvitkauskas, Baranauskas, Ivanauskas, Yakubauskas, Rasyekas, Narbekovas.
IFK: T Ravelli — R Nilsson, Zetterlund, Sensson, Komark, M Nilsson, Ingesson, Mordt (A Ravelli 79), Holmgren, Andersson, Johansson (Eriksson 69).

Apollon Limassol 0
Zaragoza 3 (Juan Rodriguez 44pen, Miguel Pardeza 53, Pablo Alsaro 84)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Kolev (Bul). Played Sep 14.
Apollon: Koniotis — Andrelis, P Hristofi, D Ioannou, Pittas — Iosifidis, Tsolakis, Yangudakis, J Ioannou — Ptak, Adamczyk.
Zaragoza: Chilavert — Juanito, Julia, Fraile, Pablo — Vizcaino (Glaria 75), Senor, Villaroya — Higuera (Salillas 64), Sirakov, Pardeza.

FK Austria 1 (Josef Degiorgi 18)
Ajax Amsterdam 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Smith (Sco)

Galatasaray 1 (Hasan Vezir 31)
Red Star Belgrade 1 (Mitar Mrkela 11)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 30,500. **Ref:** Constantin (Bel). Played Sep 14
Galatasaray: Simovic — Cuneyt, Yusuf, K Bulent — B Bulent (Tugay 89), Serhat, Muhammet, Prekazi, Metin (Ismail 75) — Ilyas, Hasan.
Red Star: Stojanovic — Suric, Drizic, Radinovic, Martovic, Kanatlarovski, Prosinecki, Stojkovic, Savicevic (Lukic 58), Pancev, Mrkela.

Sporting Lisbon 0
Napoli 0
Att: 75,000. **Ref:** Courtney (Eng)
Sporting: Ivkovic — Joao Luis, Leaal, Venancio, Luisinho, Carlos Manuel — Carlos Xavier, Douglas, Paulinho Cascavel, Marlon, Valtinho (Gomes 36).
Napoli: Giuliani — Ferrara, Baroni, Crippa, Alemao, Renica, Fusi, De Napoli, Careca, Mauro (Maradona 70), Carnevale.

COLOMBIA : Professional League 3rd Stage

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
Millonarios	4	4	0	0	11	5	8
America	5	3	1	1	8	5	7
Deportivo Cali	5	2	3	0	2	0	7
Nacional	5	2	3	0	2	0	7
Quindio	4	2	2	0	7	4	6
Pereira	5	3	0	2	9	8	6
Independiente Medellin	5	2	1	2	6	7	5
Union Magdalena	4	1	3	0	2	1	5
Bucaramanga	5	1	2	2	9	8	4
At.Junior	5	1	2	2	2	4	4
Caldas	5	0	3	2	2	5	4
Santa Fe	4	0	2	2	0	3	2
Tolima	4	0	2	2	1	5	2
Cucuta	5	0	2	3	1	3	2
Sporting Barranquilla	5	0	1	4	4	7	1

ECUADOR : Division A Championship (2nd stage)

Group A	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
Nacional	7	3	2	2	11	7	8
Aucas	7	3	2	2	12	11	8
Macara	7	3	1	3	16	12	7
Delfin	7	3	1	3	7	11	7
Emelec	7	3	0	4	7	9	6
Dep.Cuenca	7	3	0	4	8	11	6

Group B	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
Liga de Quito	7	3	3	1	8	6	9
Dep.Quito	7	3	2	2	11	4	8
Barcelona	7	3	2	2	9	10	8
Filanbanco	7	3	1	3	13	12	7
Univ.Portoviejo	7	1	3	3	6	9	5
Tecnico Universitario	7	1	3	3	5	11	5

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Porto	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
Sporting	3	3	0	0	6	2	6
Boavista	3	2	1	0	8	2	5
Portimonense	3	1	2	0	5	4	4
Feirense	3	2	0	1	2	3	4
Benfica	2	1	1	0	6	1	3
Amadora	3	1	1	1	3	1	3
Guimaraes	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Tirsense	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Belenenses	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Chaves	4	1	1	2	4	6	3
Setubal	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Braga	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Beira Mar	4	0	2	2	2	8	2
Maritimo	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Nacional	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Uniao	3	0	1	2	1	6	1
Penafiel	3	0	0	3	3	7	0

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	9	6	2	1	23	9	14
Nurnberg	9	5	2	2	15	8	12
Leverkusen	9	4	4	1	12	6	12
Koln	9	4	4	1	15	12	12
Eint.Frankfurt	9	4	2	3	15	11	10
Bor.Dortmund	9	4	2	2	10	7	10
Stuttgart	9	4	2	3	9	9	10
Bremen	9	2	5	2	12	9	9
Borussia Mg	9	2	5	2	8	6	9
Waldhof Mannheim	9	4	1	4	10	13	9
Uerdingen	9	3	2	4	16	12	8
Kaiserslautern	9	3	1	5	15	19	7
Dusseldorf	9	2	3	4	13	17	7
St. Pauli	9	1	5	3	5	10	7
Bochum	9	3	1	5	13	19	7
Hamburg	9	2	3	4	9	15	7
Homburg	9	1	4	4	6	13	6
Karlsruhe	9	1	4	4	7	18	6

DENMARK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OB, Odense	20	13	6	1	36	14	32
Brondby	20	13	3	4	39	19	29
Lyngby	20	11	6	3	36	20	28
Vejle	20	12	4	4	35	19	28
AGF, Aarhus	20	7	11	2	30	17	25
B 1903, Copen.	20	6	9	5	23	18	21
Silkeborg	20	6	7	7	26	25	19
AaB, Aalborg	20	5	8	7	23	25	18
Naestved	20	5	7	8	24	26	17
Frem,Copenhagen	20	6	5	9	24	31	17
Ikast	20	4	8	8	21	31	14
Herfolge	20	3	5	12	11	37	11
B 1913, Odense	20	3	4	13	23	43	10
Bronshoj	20	3	3	14	18	46	9

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Mechelen	5	4	1	0	12	2	9
Cercle Bruges	5	4	0	1	9	4	8
Anderlecht	5	3	2	0	12	3	8
FC Kortrijk	5	3	1	1	11	6	7
Waregem	5	2	2	1	8	9	6
Standard Liege	5	1	4	0	7	3	6
Charleroi	5	2	1	2	7	5	5
AA Ghent	5	2	1	2	7	10	5
FC Bruges	5	1	3	1	9	8	5
FC Antwerp	5	1	3	1	5	5	5
Beveren	5	1	3	1	6	7	5
Beerschot	5	1	3	1	2	5	5
FC Liege	5	1	1	3	2	3	3
Germinal Ekeren	5	1	1	3	5	8	3
Lokeren	5	1	1	3	7	12	3
Sint Truiden	5	0	3	2	2	6	3
Lierse	5	0	3	2	2	11	3
Racing Mechlin	5	0	1	4	4	10	1

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bordeaux	10	8	1	1	16	2	17
Paris St Germain	10	6	3	1	16	11	15
Marseille	9	6	2	1	20	7	14
Sochaux	10	5	2	3	12	9	12
Toulouse	10	4	4	2	12	9	12
Toulon	10	4	3	3	9	9	11
Auxerre	10	4	2	4	13	9	10
Nantes	10	3	4	3	14	12	10
Nice	10	2	6	2	13	11	10
Mulhouse	10	3	3	4	13	12	9
Monaco	9	2	5	2	7	7	7
Montpellier	10	4	1	5	11	13	9
St Etienne	10	4	1	5	9	11	9
Lyon	10	4	1	5	13	17	9
Caen	10	3	2	5	9	14	8
Racing Paris	10	2	4	4	10	19	8
Metz	10	1	5	4	8	12	7
Lille	10	2	3	5	8	13	7
Cannes	10	2	2	4	9	16	6
Brest	10	3	0	7	5	14	6

EAST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dynamo Dresden	5	3	2	0	8	2	8
Magdeburg	5	4	0	1	9	5	8
Dynamo Berlin	5	2	3	0	10	7	7
Lokomotive Leipzig	5	3	1	1	8	5	7
Hansa Rostock	5	2	2	1	8	5	6
Stahl Eisen'stadt	5	1	3	1	5	4	5
Karl-Marx-Stadt	5	1	3	1	6	7	5
Energie Cottbus	5	1	3	1	4	6	5
Rot-Weiss Erfurt	5	1	2	2	6	7	4
Chemie Halle	5	1	1	3	6	8	3
Wismut Aue	5	1	1	3	3	5	3
Stahl Brandenburg	5	0	3	2	4	7	3
Carl Zeiss Jena	5	1	1	3	3	7	3
Fortschritt Bischof.	5	1	1	3	3	8	3

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sevilla	3	3	0	0	7	2	6
Real Madrid	3	2	1	0	8	2	5
Athletico Madrid	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Athletic Bilbao	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Valladolid	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Real Oviedo	3	1	2	0	5	3	4
Logrones	3	2	0	1	3	3	4
Osasuna	3	2	0	1	3	5	4
Real Zaragoza	3	1	1	1	7	5	3
Mallorca	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Barcelona	3	1	2	0	4	4	2
Cadiz	3	1	0	2	2	2	2
Real Sociedad	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Castellon	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Malaga	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Tenerife	3	0	2	1	5	2	2
Rayo Vallecano	3	1	0	2	3	6	2
Celta	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Sporting Gijon	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Valencia	3	0	1	2	4	10	1

YUGOSLAVIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dinamo	7	5	1	1	11	1	11
Rijeka	7	4	1	2	6	4	9
Red Star	7	4	0	3	17	11	8
Buducnost	7	4	1	2	8	5	8
Radnicki	7	3	2	2	10	11	8
Zelijeznicar	7	4	0	3	9	10	8
Rad	7	3	2	2	9	6	7
Sarajevo	7	3	1	3	10	9	7
Olimpija	7	3	2	2	12	8	6
Spartak	7	3	0	4	6	5	6
Borac	7	3	0	4	7	8	6
Hajduk	7	3	0	4	7	9	6
Osijek	7	3	0	4	5	7	6
Vojvodine	7	3	1	3	4	7	6
Sloboda	7	3	1	3	8	12	6
Partizan	7	2	2	3	6	7	4
Velez	7	1	1	5	4	9	3
Vardar	7	1	1	5	7	17	3

(Wins on penalties after 90 mins worth one point)

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Tirol	11	8	3	0	31	13	19
FK Austria	11	7	1	3	24	13	15
Rapid Vienna	11	6	3	2	24	14	15
Admira Wacker	11	6	2	3	30	24	14
Sturm Graz	11	2	7	2	12	8	11
Vienna	11	3	4	4	21	22	10
Austria Salzburg	11	2	6	3	14	16	10
Vorwaerts Steyr	11	2	5	4	15	21	9
GAK	11	3	2	6	9	16	8
S C Krems	11	3	2	6	11	21	8
VSE St Polten	11	2	4	5	11	21	8
Wiener Sportclub	11	2	1	8	9	22	5

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sparta Prague	6	5	1	0	11	3	11
Banik Ostrava	6	3	3	0	9	5	9
Spartak Trnava	6	3	2	1	7	6	8
Bohemians Prague	5	3	1	1	12	7	7
Inter Bratislava	6	2	3	1	8	6	7
Slovan Bratislava	6	2	3	1	4	3	7
TJ Vitkovice	6	3	0	3	10	9	6
Slavia Prague	6	2	2	2	9	9	6
Plastika Nitra	6	3	0	3	8	9	6
Sigma Olomovc	6	3	0	3	8	9	6
Dukla Banska Bys.	6	2	1	3	4	4	5
Zbrojovka Brno	6	2	1	3	7	9	5
RH Cheb	5	2	0	3	7	9	4
DAC Dunajska Str.	6	1	1	4	7	11	3
Dukla Prague	6	1	1	4	3	8	3
ZVL Povazska Bys.	6	1	0	5	6	13	2

SWEDEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Malmo	19	12	5	2	34	8	29
Norrkoping	19	10	4	5	40	23	24
Orebro	19	9	5	5	22	18	23
Halmstad	19	10	2	7	27	25	22
GAIS	19	7	7	5	25	19	21
Djurgarden	19	9	3	7	21	21	21
Goteburg	19	8	3	8	32	27	19
Orgryte	19	5	8	6	17	26	18
AIK	19	4	9	6	20	25	17
Brage	19	5	5	8	20	26	15
Sandsvall	19	4	3	12	24	33	11
Frolunde	19	2	4	13	18	49	8

ICELAND — FINAL

	P	W	T	L	F	A	Pts
Akureyri	18	9	7	2	29	15	34
Hafnarfyordur	18	9	5	4	24	17	32
Fram	18	10	2	6	22	16	32
Reykjavikur	18	8	5	5	28	22	29
Valur	18	8	4	6	21	15	28
Akranes	18	8	2	8	20	21	26
Thor	18	4	6	8	20	28	18
Vikingur	18	4	5	9	24	28	17
Fylkir	18	5	2	11	18	31	17
Keflavikur	18	3	6	9	18	31	15

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Napoli	5	4	1	0	7	3	9
Roma	5	3	2	0	9	3	8
Juventus	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
AC Milan	5	3	1	1	8	3	7
Internazionale	5	3	1	1	8	7	7
Sampdoria	5	2	2	1	8	5	6
Bologna	5	1	4	0	7	5	6
Genoa	5	2	2	1	3	3	6
Lazio	5	2	1	2	5	4	5
Atalanta	5	2	0	3	5	7	4
Fiorentina	5	1	2	2	5	7	4
Bari	5	1	2	2	5	7	4
Ascoli	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
Lecce	5	2	0	3	5	8	4
Cesena	5	1	1	2	3	6	3
Udinese	5	0	3	2	6	9	3
Cremonese	5	0	1	4	3	8	1
Verona	5	0	1	4	4	10	1

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sion	11	6	4	1	19	23	16
Xamax Neuchatel	11	7	1	3	24	15	15
Grasshoppers	12	5	3	4	15	13	13
Young Boys	11	4	4	3	17	12	12
St. Gall	11	2	7	2	16	14	11
Lausanne	11	4	3	4	15	14	11
Lugano	11	4	3	4	20	19	11
Servette	11	4	3	4	16	18	11
Lucerne	12	3	5	4	21	20	11
Bellinzona	11	3	3	5	13	22	9
Aarau	11	3	2	6	10	16	8
Wettingen	11	2	2	7	7	17	6

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roda	7	4	2	1	13	9	10
RKC Waakwijk	7	4	2	1	12	8	10
PSV Eindhoven	6	4	1	1	19	10	9
MVV Maastricht	7	4	1	2	14	11	9
FC Utrecht	6	4	0	2	8	5	8
Fortuna Sittard	6	3	2	1	6	3	8
FC Twente	7	2	4	1	9	8	8
Volendam	7	3	2	2	10	11	8
Ajax Amsterdam	7	3	1	3	16	8	7
Vitesse	7	2	3	2	12	11	7
Willem II	7	2	2	3	14	11	6
FC Groningen	6	1	3	2	10	10	5
Sparta	6	1	3	2	7	9	5
NEC Nijmegen	6	1	2	3	8	14	5
FC The Hague	5	2	0	3	6	14	4
Haarlem	7	1	1	5	7	14	3
BVV Den Bosch	6	1	1	4	4	11	3
Feyenoord	6	0	2	4	6	14	2

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ujpesti Dozsa	6	5	0	1	9	4	15
MTK VM	6	4	0	2	7	6	12
Pecs	6	3	2	1	15	6	11
Ferencvaros	6	3	2	1	9	4	11
Vasas	6	3	2	1	9	4	11
Budapest Honved	6	3	1	2	8	5	10
Siofok	6	2	2	2	6	7	8
Veszprem	6	2	2	2	3	5	8
Videoton	6	2	2	2	3	6	8
Raba Eto	6	2	1	3	7	5	7
Debrecen	6	1	3	2	3	5	6
Tatabanya	6	2	0	4	3	6	6
Bekescsaba	6	2	0	4	4	8	6
VAC	6	1	2	3	7	9	5
Szombathely	6	1	2	3	4	9	5
Csepel	6	0	3	3	1	9	3

FINLAND

	P	W	T	L	F	A	Pts
TPS	24	14	8	2	44	19	26
Kuusysi	24	14	7	3	46	23	35
Rops	24	12	9	3	44	21	33
Hakka	24	11	5	8	34	25	27
HJK	24	19	7	7	30	22	27
Ilves	24	9	5	10	38	37	23

1988-90 EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1

18.10.88	Greece v Denmark	2-2
18.10.88	Bulgaria v Rumania	2-1
1.11.88	Denmark v Bulgaria	1-3
1.11.88	Rumania v Greece	2-0
25. 4.89	Bulgaria v Denmark	6-0
25. 4.89	Greece v Rumania	1-0
16. 5.89	Denmark v Greece	3-0
16. 5.89	Rumania v Bulgaria	2-1
10.10.89	Denmark v Rumania	
10.10.89	Bulgaria v Greece	
14.11.89	Rumania v Denmark	
14.11.89	Greece v Bulgaria	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	4	3	0	1	12	4	6
Rumania	4	2	0	2	5	4	4
Greece	4	1	1	2	3	7	3
Denmark	4	1	1	2	6	11	3

Group 2

18.10.88	England v Sweden	1-1
18.10.88	Poland v Albania	0-0
4.11.88	Albania v Sweden	0-2
7. 3.89	Albania v England	0-2
25. 4.89	England v Albania	2-1
6. 5.89	Sweden v Poland	4-0
2. 6.89	England v Poland	2-1
5. 9.89	Sweden v England	1-0
7.10.89	Sweden v Albania	
10.10.89	Poland v England	
24.10.89	Poland v Sweden	
14.11.89	Poland v Sweden	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	4	3	1	0	8	1	7
England	5	3	1	1	7	4	6
Albania	4	0	1	3	1	6	1
Poland	3	0	1	2	1	6	1

Group 3

18.10.88	Soviet Union v Austria	2-2
1.11.88	Austria v Turkey	3-0
29.11.88	Turkey v East Germany	3-2
11. 4.89	East Germany v Turkey	0-0
25. 4.89	Soviet Union v East Germany	1-0
9. 5.89	Turkey v Soviet Union	0-3
19. 5.89	East Germany v Austria	2-0
5. 9.89	Austria v Soviet Union	0-2
7.10.89	East Germany v Soviet Union	
24.10.89	Turkey v Austria	
7.11.89	Soviet Union v Turkey	
14.11.89	Austria v East Germany	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	4	3	1	0	8	2	7
East Germany	4	1	1	2	4	4	3
Austria	4	1	1	2	5	6	3
Turkey	4	1	1	2	3	8	3

Group 4

30. 8.88	Finland v West Germany	0-3
13. 9.88	Iceland v Holland	1-1
28. 9.88	Finland v Iceland	2-1
18.10.88	West Germany v Holland	2-0
25. 4.89	Holland v West Germany	0-1
30. 5.89	Finland v Holland	1-1
31. 5.89	Iceland v West Germany	1-1
5. 9.89	Iceland v Finland	4-0
3.10.89	West Germany v Finland	
10.10.89	Holland v Iceland	
25.10.89	West Germany v Iceland	
14.11.89	Holland v Finland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	4	3	1	0	7	1	7
Iceland	3	1	2	0	6	2	4
Finland	4	1	1	2	3	9	3
Holland	4	0	2	2	2	5	2

Group 5

13. 9.88	Norway v Scotland	1-1
27. 9.88	France v Norway	2-0
18.10.88	Scotland v Yugoslavia	0-2
18.11.88	Yugoslavia v France	2-2
7. 3.89	Scotland v France	2-3
24. 4.89	France v Yugoslavia	0-1
13. 6.89	Norway v Yugoslavia	0-1
5. 9.89	Norway v France	1-1
5. 9.89	Yugoslavia v Scotland	4-1
10.10.89	Yugoslavia v Norway	
10.10.89	France v Scotland	
14.11.89	Scotland v Norway	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	5	4	1	0	10	3	9
France	5	2	2	1	8	6	6
Norway	4	0	2	2	2	5	2
Norway	4	0	1	3	4	10	1

Group 6

11.12.88	Cyprus v Hungary	0-0
22. 3.89	Cyprus v Spain	0-1
12. 4.89	Hungary v Cyprus	1-0
31. 5.89	Spain v Cyprus	1-0
10.10.89	Hungary v Spain	
14.11.89	Spain v Hungary	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Hungary	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Cyprus	4	0	1	3	0	3	1

Group 7

15.11.88	Czechoslovakia v Belgium	0-3
14. 2.89	Portugal v Belgium	1-1
5. 4.89	Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg	4-0
25. 4.89	Portugal v Luxembourg	1-0
29. 4.89	Belgium v Czechoslovakia	1-1
26. 5.89	Luxembourg v Belgium	0-0
5. 9.89	Belgium v Portugal	1-1
5.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Portugal	
9.10.89	Luxembourg v Portugal	
24.10.89	Belgium v Luxembourg	
14.11.89	Portugal v Luxembourg	
29.11.89	Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	5	1	4	0	6	3	6
Czechoslovakia	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Portugal	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Luxembourg	3	0	1	2	0	6	1

Group 8

26. 4.89	Switzerland v Italy	0-0
6. 6.89	San Marino v Switzerland	0-5
4.10.89	San Marino v Italy	
25.10.89	Italy v Switzerland	
14.11.89	Switzerland v San Marino	
29.11.89	Italy v San Marino	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	5	0	3
Italy	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
San Marino	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

WORLD CUP RESULTS AND TABLES

EUROPE

GROUP 1

9.10.88	Greece v Denmark	1-1
19.10.88	Bulgaria v Rumania	1-3
2.11.88	Rumania v Greece	3-0
2.11.88	Denmark v Bulgaria	1-1
26. 4.89	Greece v Rumania	0-0
26. 4.89	Bulgaria v Denmark	0-2
17. 5.89	Rumania v Bulgaria	1-0
17. 5.89	Denmark v Greece	7-1
11.10.89	Bulgaria v Greece	
11.10.89	Denmark v Rumania	
15.11.89	Greece v Bulgaria	
15.11.89	Rumania v Denmark	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania	4	3	1	0	7	1	6
Denmark	4	2	2	0	11	3	6
Greece	4	0	2	2	2	11	2
Bulgaria	4	0	1	3	2	7	1

GROUP 2

19.10.88	England v Sweden	0-0
19.10.88	Poland v Albania	1-0
5.11.88	Albania v Sweden	1-2
8. 3.89	Albania v England	0-2
26. 4.89	England v Albania	5-0
7. 5.89	Sweden v Poland	2-1
3. 6.89	England v Poland	3-0
6. 9.89	Sweden v England	0-0
8.10.89	Sweden v Albania	
11.10.89	Poland v England	
25.10.89	Poland v Sweden	
15.11.89	Albania v Poland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	3	2	0	10	0	8
Sweden	4	2	2	0	4	2	6
Poland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Albania	4	0	0	4	1	10	0

GROUP 3

31. 8.88	Iceland v Soviet Union	1-1
12.10.88	Turkey v Iceland	1-1
19.10.88	Soviet Union v Austria	2-0
19.10.88	East Germany v Iceland	2-0
2.11.88	Austria v Turkey	3-2
30.11.88	Turkey v East Germany	3-1
12. 4.89	East Germany v Turkey	0-2
26. 4.89	Soviet Union v East Germany	3-0
10. 5.89	Turkey v Soviet Union	0-1
20. 5.89	East Germany v Austria	1-1
31. 5.89	Soviet Union v Iceland	1-1
14. 6.89	Iceland v Austria	0-0
23. 8.89	Austria v Iceland	2-1
6. 9.89	Austria v Soviet Union	0-0
6. 9.89	Iceland v East Germany	0-3
20. 9.89	Iceland v Turkey	2-1
25.10.89	East Germany v Soviet Union	
25.10.89	Turkey v Austria	
8.11.89	Soviet Union v Turkey	
15.11.89	Austria v East Germany	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	6	3	3	0	8	2	9
Austria	6	2	3	1	6	6	7
Iceland	8	1	4	3	6	11	6
Turkey	6	2	1	3	9	8	5
East Germany	6	2	1	3	7	9	5

GROUP 4

31. 8.88	Finland v West Germany	0-4
14. 9.88	Holland v Wales	1-0
19.10.88	Wales v Finland	2-2
19.10.88	West Germany v Holland	0-0
26. 4.89	Holland v West Germany	1-1
31. 5.89	Wales v West Germany	0-0
31. 5.89	Finland v Holland	0-1
6. 9.89	Finland v Wales	1-0
4.10.89	West Germany v Finland	
11.10.89	Wales v Holland	
15.11.89	West Germany v Wales	
15.11.89	Holland v Finland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	4	2	2	0	3	1	6
W. Germany	4	1	3	0	5	1	5
Finland	4	1	1	2	3	7	3
Wales	4	0	2	2	2	4	2

GROUP 5

14. 9.88	Norway v Scotland	1-2
28. 9.88	France v Norway	1-0
19.10.88	Scotland v Yugoslavia	1-1
22.10.88	Cyprus v France	1-1
2.11.88	Cyprus v Norway	0-3
19.11.88	Yugoslavia v France	3-2
11.12.88	Yugoslavia v Cyprus	4-0
8. 2.89	Cyprus v Scotland	2-3
8. 3.89	Scotland v France	2-0
26. 4.89	Scotland v Cyprus	2-1
29. 4.89	France v Yugoslavia	0-0
21. 5.89	Norway v Cyprus	3-1
14. 6.89	Norway v Yugoslavia	1-2
5. 9.89	Norway v France	1-1
6. 9.89	Yugoslavia v Scotland	3-1
11.10.89	Yugoslavia v Norway	
11.10.89	France v Scotland	
28.10.89	Cyprus v Yugoslavia	
15.11.89	Scotland v Norway	
18.11.89	France v Cyprus	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	6	4	2	0	13	5	10
Scotland	6	4	1	1	11	8	9
Norway	6	2	1	3	9	7	5
France	6	1	3	2	5	7	5
Cyprus	6	0	1	5	5	16	1

GROUP 6

21. 5.88	Northern Ireland v Malta	3-0
14. 9.88	Northern Ireland v Rep. Ireland	0-0
19.10.88	Hungary v Northern Ireland	1-0
16.11.88	Spain v Rep. Ireland	2-0
11.12.88	Malta v Hungary	2-2
21.12.88	Spain v Northern Ireland	4-0
22. 1.89	Malta v Spain	0-2
8. 2.89	Northern Ireland v Spain	0-2
8. 3.89	Hungary v Rep. Ireland	0-0
22. 3.89	Spain v Malta	4-0
12. 4.89	Hungary v Malta	1-1
26. 4.89	Malta v Northern Ireland	0-2
26. 4.89	Rep. Ireland v Spain	1-0
28. 5.89	Rep. Ireland v Malta	2-0
4. 6.89	Rep. Ireland v Hungary	2-0
6. 9.89	Northern Ireland v Hungary	1-2
11.10.89	Hungary v Spain	
11.10.89	Rep. Ireland v Northern Ireland	
15.11.89	Spain v Hungary	
15.11.89	Malta v Rep. Ireland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	6	5	0	1	14	1	10
Rep. Ireland	6	3	2	1	5	2	8
Hungary	6	2	3	1	6	6	7
Northern Ireland	7	2	1	4	6	9	5
Malta	7	0	2	5	3	16	2

GROUP 7

1. 9.88	Luxembourg v Switzerland	1-4
19.10.88	Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia	0-2
19.10.88	Belgium v Switzerland	1-0
16.11.88	Czechoslovakia v Belgium	0-0
16.11.88	Portugal v Luxembourg	1-0
15. 2.89	Portugal v Belgium	1-1
26. 4.89	Portugal v Switzerland	3-1
30. 4.89	Belgium v Czechoslovakia	2-1
19. 5.89	Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg	4-0
1. 6.89	Luxembourg v Belgium	0-5
7. 6.89	Switzerland v Czechoslovakia	0-1
6. 9.89	Belgium v Portugal	3-0
20. 9.89	Switzerland v Portugal	1-2
6.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Portugal	
11.10.89	Luxembourg v Portugal	
11.10.89	Switzerland v Belgium	
25.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Switzerland	
25.10.89	Belgium v Luxembourg	
15.11.89	Portugal v Czechoslovakia	
15.11.89	Switzerland v Luxembourg	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	6	4	2	0	12	2	10
Czechoslovakia	5	3	1	1	8	2	7
Portugal	5	3	1	1	7	6	7
Switzerland	5	1	0	4	6	8	2
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	1	16	0

Winners and runners-up from groups 3, 5, 6 and 7 qualify for the finals along with the winners of groups 1, 2 and 4 plus the two runners-up from groups 1, 2, and 4 with the best comparative records.

AFRICA

ROUND 1

7. 8.88	Angola v Sudan	0-0
11.11.88	Sudan v Angola	1-2
	Angola 2-1 on agg	
	Zimbabwe w/o v Lesotho	
	Zambia w/o v Rwanda (withdrew)	
16. 7.88	Uganda v Malawi	1-0
30. 7.88	Malawi v Uganda	3-1
	Malawi 3-2 on agg	
3. 6.89	Libya v Burkino Faso	3-0
3. 7.89	Burkino Faso v Libya	2-0
	Libya 3-2 on agg	
7. 8.88	Ghana v Liberia	0-0
21. 8.88	Liberia v Ghana	2-0
	Liberia 2-0 on agg	
5. 8.88	Tunisia v Guinea	5-0
21. 8.88	Guinea v Tunisia	3-0
	Tunisia 5-3 on agg	
	Gabon w/o v Togo	

ROUND 2

Group A

6. 1.89	Algeria v Zimbabwe	3-0
22. 1.89	Zimbabwe v Ivory Coast	0-0
11. 6.89	Ivory Coast v Algeria	0-0
25. 6.89	Zimbabwe v Algeria	1-2
13. 8.89	Ivory Coast v Zimbabwe	5-0
25. 8.89	Algeria v Ivory Coast	1-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Algeria	4	3	1	0	6	1	7
Ivory Coast	4	1	2	1	5	1	4
Zimbabwe	4	0	1	3	1	10	1

Group B

6. 1.89	Egypt v Liberia	2-0
7. 1.89	Kenya v Malawi	1-1
21. 1.89	Malawi v Egypt	1-1
22. 1.89	Liberia v Kenya	0-0
10. 6.89	Kenya v Egypt	0-0
11. 6.89	Liberia v Malawi	1-0
24. 6.89	Malawi v Kenya	1-0
25. 6.89	Liberia v Egypt	1-0
11. 8.89	Egypt v Malawi	1-0
12. 8.89	Kenya v Liberia	1-0
25. 8.89	Egypt v Kenya	2-0
26. 8.89	Malawi v Liberia	0-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Egypt	6	3	2	1	6	2	8
Liberia	6	2	2	2	2	3	6
Malawi	6	1	3	2	3	4	5
Kenya	6	1	3	2	2	4	5

Group C

7. 1.89	Nigeria v Gabon	1-0
8. 1.89	Cameroon v Angola	1-1
22. 1.89	Gabon v Cameroon	1-3
22. 1.89	Angola v Nigeria	2-2
10. 6.89	Nigeria v Cameroon	2-0
10. 6.89	Angola v Gabon	2-0
25. 6.89	Angola v Cameroon	1-2
25. 6.89	Gabon v Nigeria	2-1
12. 8.89	Nigeria v Angola	1-0
13. 8.89	Cameroon v Gabon	2-1
27. 8.89	Cameroon v Nigeria	1-0
27. 8.89	Gabon v Angola	1-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cameroon	6	4	1	1	9	6	9
Nigeria	6	3	1	2	7	5	7
Angola	6	1	2	3	6	7	4
Gabon	6	2	0	4	5	9	4

Group D

8. 1.89	Morocco v Zambia	1-0
8. 1.89	Zaire v Tunisia	3-1
22. 1.89	Tunisia v Morocco	2-1
22. 1.89	Zambia v Zaire	4-2
11. 6.89	Zaire v Morocco	0-0
11. 6.89	Zambia v Tunisia	1-0
25. 6.89	Zambia v Morocco	2-1
25. 6.89	Tunisia v Zaire	1-0
13. 8.89	Morocco v Tunisia	0-0
13. 8.89	Zaire v Zambia	1-0
25. 8.89	Tunisia v Zambia	1-0
27. 8.89	Morocco v Zaire	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tunisia	6	3	1	2	5	5	7
Zambia	6	3	0	3	7	6	6
Zaire	6	2	2	2	7	7	6
Morocco	6	1	3	2	4	5	5

FINALISTS SO FAR:

ITALY (hosts)
ARGENTINA (holders)
YUGOSLAVIA
BRAZIL
URUGUAY

ROUND 3

. .89 Algeria v Egypt
. .89 Egypt v Algeria
. .89 Cameroon v Tunisia
. .89 Tunisia v Cameroon

Aggregate winners of each tie qualify for the finals.

ASIA

WEST ASIA

Group 1: Jordan, Iraq, Oman, Qatar.

6. 1.89	Qatar v Jordan	1-0
6. 1.89	Oman v Iraq	1-1
13. 1.89	Oman v Qatar	0-0
13. 1.89	Jordan v Iraq	0-1
20. 1.89	Jordan v Oman	2-0
20. 1.89	Qatar v Iraq	1-0
27. 1.89	Jordan v Qatar	1-1
27. 1.89	Iraq v Oman	3-1
3. 2.89	Qatar v Oman	3-0
3. 2.89	Iraq v Jordan	4-0
10. 2.89	Oman v Jordan	0-2
10. 2.89	Iraq v Qatar	2-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Qatar	6	3	3	0	8	3	9
Iraq	6	3	2	1	11	5	8
Jordan	6	2	1	3	5	7	5
Oman	6	0	2	4	2	11	2

Group 2 (Bahrain withdrew)

10. 3.89	Yemen AR v Syria	0-1
15. 3.89	Saudi Arabia v Syria	5-4
20. 3.89	Yemen AR v Saudi Arabia	0-1
25. 3.89	Syria v Yemen AR	2-0
30. 3.89	Syria v Saudi Arabia	0-0
5. 4.89	Saudi Arabia v Yemen AR	1-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S. Arabia	4	3	1	0	7	4	7
Syria	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
Yemen AR	4	0	0	4	0	5	0

Group 3: UAE, Kuwait, Pakistan (RP 'South' Yemen withdrew).

6. 1.89	Pakistan v Kuwait	0-1
13. 1.89	Kuwait v UAE	3-2
20. 1.89	UAE v Pakistan	5-0
27. 1.89	Kuwait v Pakistan	2-0
3. 2.89	UAE v Kuwait	1-0
10. 2.89	Pakistan v UAE	1-4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UAE	4	3	0	1	12	4	6
Kuwait	4	3	0	1	6	3	6
Pakistan	4	0	0	4	1	2	0

EAST ASIA

Group 4: (India withdrew so Nepal switched from Group 5)

Following matches all in S. Korea:

23. 5.89	Malaysia v Nepal	2-0
23. 5.89	Singapore v S. Korea	0-3
25. 5.89	Malaysia v Singapore	1-0
25. 5.89	Nepal v S. Korea	0-9
27. 5.89	Singapore v Nepal	3-0
27. 5.89	S. Korea v Malaysia	3-0

Following matches all in Singapore:

3. 6.89	Singapore v Malaysia	2-2
3. 6.89	S. Korea v Nepal	4-0
5. 6.89	Malaysia v S. Korea	0-3
5. 6.89	Nepal v Singapore	0-7
7. 6.89	Singapore v S. Korea	0-3
7. 6.89	Malaysia v Nepal	3-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	6	6	0	0	25	0	12
Malaysia	6	3	1	2	8	8	7
Singapore	6	2	1	3	12	9	5
Nepal	6	0	0	6	0	28	0

Group 5

20. 2.89	Thailand v Bangladesh	1-0
23. 2.89	China v Bangladesh	2-0
23. 2.89	Thailand v Iran	0-3
27. 2.89	Bangladesh v Iran	1-2
28. 2.89	Thailand v China	0-3
4. 3.89	Bangladesh v China	0-2
8. 3.89	Bangladesh v Thailand	3-1
17. 3.89	Iran v Bangladesh	1-0
30. 5.89	Iran v Thailand	3-0
15. 7.89	China v Iran	2-0
22. 7.89	Iran v China	3-2
29. 7.89	China v Thailand	2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
China	6	5	0	1	13	3	10
Iran	6	5	0	1	12	7	10
Bangladesh	6	1	0	5	4	9	2
Thailand	6	1	0	5	2	14	2

Group 6

21. 5.89	Indonesia v N. Korea	0- 0
21. 5.89	Hong Kong v Japan	0-0
27. 5.89	Hong Kong v N. Korea	1-2
28. 5.89	Indonesia v Japan	0-0
4. 6.89	Hong Kong v Indonesia	1-1
4. 6.89	Japan v N. Korea	2-1
11. 6.89	Japan v Indonesia	5-0
18. 6.89	Japan v Hong Kong	0-0
25. 6.89	Indonesia v Hong Kong	3-2
25. 6.89	N. Korea v Japan	2-0
2. 7.89	N. Korea v Hong Kong	4-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Korea	5	3	1	1	9	4	7
Japan	6	2	3	1	7	3	7
Hong Kong	6	0	3	3	5	10	3
Indonesia	5	1	3	1	4	8	3

Round Two

(play-ff section in Singapore, except for UAE v S Korea in Kuala Lumpur and S Arabi v N Korea in Kuanton)

12.10.89	UAE v N Korea
12.10.89	China v Saudi Arabia
13.10.89	S Korea v Qatar
16.10.89	Qatar v Saudi Arabia
16.10.89	S Korea v N Korea
17.10.89	China v UAE
20.10.89	China v S Korea
20.10.89	N Korea v Qatar
21.10.89	Saudi Arabia v UAE
24.10.89	UAE v Qatar
24.10.89	N Korea v China
25.10.89	Saudi Arabia v S Korea
28.10.89	UAE v S Korea
28.10.89	Saudi Arabia v N Korea
28.10.89	Qatar v China

Top two teams qualify for the finals.

NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

Round 1

19. 6.88	Antigua v Neth. Antilles	0-1
29. 7.88	Neth. Antilles v Antigua	3-1
	Neth. Antilles 4-1 on agg, aet	
12. 5.88	Jamaica v Puerto Rico	1-0
29. 5.88	Puerto Rico v Jamaica	1-2
	Jamaica 3-1 on agg	
17. 4.88	Guyana v Trinidad/Tobago	0-4
8. 5.88	Trinidad/Tobago v Guyana	1-0
	Trinidad/Tobago 5-0 on agg	
17. 7.88	Costa Rica v Panama	1-1
31. 7.88	Panama v Costa Rica	0-2
	Costa Rica 3-1 on agg	
30. 4.88	Cuba v Guatemala	0-1
15. 5.88	Guatemala v Cuba	1-1
	Guatemala 2-1 on agg	

Round Two

1.10.88	Neth. Antilles v El Salvador	0-1
16.10.88	El Salvador v Neth. Antilles	5-0
	El Salvador 6-0 on agg	
30.10.88	Trinidad/Tobago v Honduras	0-0
13.11.88	Honduras v Trinidad/Tobago	1-1
	Trinidad/Tobago on away goal: 1-1 agg	
24. 7.88	Jamaica v United States	0-0
13. 8.88	United States v Jamaica	5-1
	United States 5-1 on agg	
9.10.88	Guatemala v Canada	1-0
15.10.88	Canada v Guatemala	3-2
	Guatemala on away goals: 3-3 agg	
	Costa Rica w/o v Mexico	

Round Three

19. 3.89	Guatemala v Costa Rica	1-0
2. 4.89	Costa Rica v Guatemala	2-1
16. 4.89	Costa Rica v United States	1-0
30. 4.89	United States v Costa Rica	1-0
13. 5.89	United States v Trin/Tobago	1-1
28. 5.89	Trin/Tobago v Costa Rica	1-1
11. 6.89	Costa Rica v Trin/Tobago	1-0
17. 6.89	United States v Guatemala	2-1
25. 6.89	El Salvador v Costa Rica	2-4
16. 7.89	Costa Rica v El Salvador	1-0
30. 7.89	Trin/Tobago v El Salvador	2-0
13. 8.89	El Salvador v Trin/Tobago	0-0
20. 8.89	Guatemala v Trin/Tobago	0-1
3. 9.89	Trin/Tobago v Guatemala	2-1
17. 9.89	El Salvador v United States	0-1
8.10.89	Guatemala v United States	
5.11.89	United States v El Salvador	
18.11.89	Trin/Tobago v United States	
19.11.89	Guatemala v El Salvador	
26.11.89	El Salvador v Guatemala	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Costa Rica	8	5	1	2	10	6	11
Trin/Tobago	7	3	3	1	7	4	9
United States	5	3	1	1	5	3	7
Guatemala	5	1	0	4	4	7	2
El Salvador	5	0	1	4	2	8	1

Note: Top two qualify for finals.

OCEANIA

Round 1

11.12.88	Taiwan v New Zealand	0-4
18.12.88	New Zealand v Taiwan	4-1
	New Zealand 8-1 on agg	
26.11.88	Fiji v Australia	1-0
3.12.88	Australia v Fiji	5-1
	Australia 5-2 on agg	

Round 2

5. 3.89	Israel v New Zealand	1-0
12. 3.89	Australia v New Zealand	4-1
19. 3.89	Israel v Australia	1-1
2. 4.89	New Zealand v Australia	2-0
9. 4.89	New Zealand v Israel	2-2
16. 4.89	Australia v Israel	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Israel	4	1	3	0	5	4	5
Australia	4	1	2	1	6	5	4
N. Zealand	4	1	1	2	5	7	3

Israel play Columbia or Paraguay for place in the finals.

SOUTH AMERICA

Group 1

20. 8.89	Bolivia v Peru	2-1
27. 8.89	Peru v Uruguay	0-2
3. 9.89	Bolivia v Uruguay	2-1
10. 9.89	Peru v Bolivia	1-2
17. 9.89	Uruguay v Bolivia	2-0
24. 9.89	Uruguay v Peru	2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Uruguay	4	3	0	1	7	2	6
Bolivia	4	3	0	1	6	5	6
Peru	3	0	0	3	2	6	0

Group 2

20. 8.89	Colombia v Ecuador	2-0
27. 8.89	Paraguay v Colombia	2-1
3. 9.89	Ecuador v Colombia	0-0
10. 9.89	Paraguay v Ecuador	2-1
24. 9.89	Colombia v Paraguay	2-1
1.10.89	Ecuador v Paraguay	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colombia	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
Paraguay	3	2	0	1	4	3	4
Ecuador	3	0	1	2	0	2	1

Group 3

30. 7.89	Venezuela v Brazil	1-3
6. 8.89	Venezuela v Chile	1-3
13. 8.89	Chile v Brazil	1-1
20. 8.89	Brazil v Venezuela	6-0
27. 8.89	Chile v Venezuela	5-0
3. 9.89	Brazil v Chile	2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	4	3	1	0	12	2	7
Chile	4	2	1	1	9	4	5
Venezuela	4	0	0	4	2	17	0

Brazil and Uruguay qualify for the finals. Paraguay or Colombia play off against Israel for place in the finals.

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